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# FRENCH PLAN A NEW SANGATTE

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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THE worsening humanitarian crisis in Calais has forced the French authorities to make plans to build shelters for migrants dubbed 'mini Sangattes'.

Volunteer groups and charities have long been calling for a new centre for asylum seekers, who are sleeping rough in woodland shanty camps on the outskirts of the town in an area called the 'Jungle'.

But shadow immigration minister Damian Green warned if the shelters open, Kent could see a return to the days of the Red Cross refugee camp in Sangatte when immigrants gathered in their thousands to try and smuggle themselves to the county.

Eric Besson, the French immigration minister, confirmed in an interview with a French magazine that there were plans to set up "light structures" around Calais.

His admission is a policy U-turn after he ruled out another Sangatte as recently as January this year. The Sangatte camp was closed in 2002 under a joint agreement between the French and British governments.

Mr Green, the Conservative MP for Ashford, said: "M Besson said in January

## The spectre of camps is raised by official reaction to Calais migrant crisis

that any sort of centre would act as a magnet. He was right in January and he is wrong now.

"I am urging our Home Office minister to put as much pressure on the French as possible not to take this route again. It is a huge step backwards.

"Seven or eight years ago, when you were driving on the motorways in Kent, you could see groups of people wandering along looking bewildered."

Before the closure of Sangatte, which acted as a staging post for illegal immigrants and an organising point for people-traffickers, an estimated 60,000 immigrants crossed the Channel into Kent.

Now there are about 1,000 people, including women and children, from all over the world including Iraq, Afghanistan and the Horn of Africa living in appalling conditions in and around Calais.

KoS spoke to a resident of the town,

Jean Michel Inglis, to gauge feelings across the Channel.

He said the recent film by French director Philippe Lioret, Welcome, about a Kurdish refugee who tries to swim to Kent, has sparked a change of heart in the town. "It has really affected people in Calais," he said. "They are realising these immigrants have a very difficult time here and that they need at least something to help them."

M Inglis said neither the town nor the French government wanted another Sangatte, but felt compelled to do something to help the immigrants struggling to survive in the Jungle. Asked whether Calais residents blamed Britain, he said: "No, I don't think so. They just want security. People have problems in Calais - we are in recession too." Gwyn Prosser, the



**HUNGRY MOUTHS:** Migrants queueing at a mobile soup kitchen set up by volunteers in Calais on Friday

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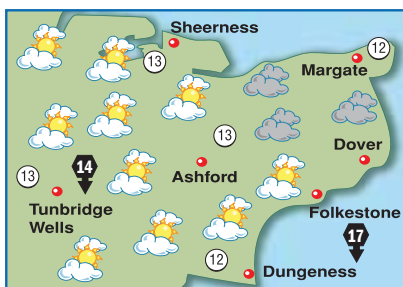
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## Kent today



**TODAY:** A generally fine day, as it will be dry with bright or sunny intervals and just variable cloud cover. Moderate northerly winds. Feeling very mild, especially in the sunshine. Max temp 11-14C (52-57F).

**TONIGHT:** Dry with variable cloud and clear intervals. A light north-westerly wind. Min temp 3-6C (37-43F).

## Around Britain

		°C	°F			°C	°F
Aberdeen	cloudy	14	57	London	fair	11	52
Belfast	fair	14	57	Liverpool	fair	14	57
Birmingham	cloudy	11	52	Manchester	fair	12	54
B'mouth	fair	13	55	Newcastle	fair	13	55
Bristol	fair	10	50	Norwich	fair	13	55
Cardiff	fair	12	54	Oxford	fair	13	55
Cork	cloudy	11	52	Southsea	fair	13	55
Edinburgh	cloudy	12	54	S'hampton	fair	11	52
Glasgow	cloudy	11	52	Southport	sun	—	—
Isle of Man	cloudy	10	50	Swansea	cloudy	11	52
Leeds	fair	12	54	Torquay	fair	12	54

## Sun & moon

Sunrise	6.09am	Sunset	6.00pm	Lighting up times:
Moonrise	—	Moonset	7.11am	6.00pm to 6.07am

## High Tides

	today				tomorrow			
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Dover	01.18	6.7	13.36	6.4	01.51	6.4	14.11	6.1
Margate	02.25	4.8	14.45	4.5	03.00	4.7	15.16	4.4
St Mary's	07.08	5.4	19.24	5.3	07.40	5.1	19.58	5.0

## Week ahead

	<b>monday</b> Early fog. Dry. max 14C min 4C		<b>thursday</b> Rather cloudy. max 14C min 3C
	<b>tuesday</b> Sunny spells. max 13C min 2C		<b>friday</b> Cloudy. Dry. max 13C min 4C
	<b>wednesday</b> Sunny spells. max 13C min 3C		<b>saturday</b> Sunny spells. max 11C min 3C

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# Politicians alarmed by 'mini Sangattes'

FROM FRONT PAGE

Labour MP for Dover, said: "The migrants have reached a safe country in France and have no claim to asylum in the UK.

"Despite that, they are fellow human beings living in wretched conditions. Some might say they are volunteering to do that. Be that as it may, it is understandable that the French authorities and volunteer groups want to give them some basics, but it must not become a permanent fixture."

M Besson has made it clear the new shelters will not be "permanent sleeping centres".

But Mr Prosser said there was still a worry that more migrants could come to Kent illegally. "However, we cannot allow that to stand in the way of giving help to the many men, women and children over there going through this drudgery."

Mr Green said: "It is alarming and disappointing that the French authorities will let this happen. In the past when one of these facilities was set up, instead of hundreds of people you got thousands, with one purpose — to come into this country illegally."

Conditions in Calais are getting worse and people are getting increasingly desperate to reach the UK, which some describe as "the promised land".



Picture: KNP

**MERCI BEAUCOUP: Charity workers offer food to migrants in Calais on Friday**

A 22-year-old Somalian told how they put plastic bags over their heads, risking suffocation, to avoid detection by the carbon dioxide probes used to locate people hiding in lorries.

There have been reports that along with showers, food and shelter, the new centres will be giving out leaflets with advice on how to claim asylum in the UK.

Mr Prosser said: "I find that extraordinary. I would like to see the text, but it should be telling them that being in France disqualifies them from seeking asylum in other countries."

# Industrial action threat in foreign jobs dispute

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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A ROW over the use of foreign labour at a power station has escalated after a Polish firm was caught under-cutting British wages.

Subcontractor Remak, which is one of several helping to build a new gas-fired plant on the Isle of Grain, was found to be paying its workers £4 less than the nationally agreed rate.

A contract handed to the GMB union by a Polish employees was passed to co-ordinators of the project — French multinational Alstom — which promised to rectify the situation.

Neil Willoughby, regional officer for Unite, said: "Remak have basically accepted what they did was wrong. They obviously knew what they were doing but it's clear no-one was checking how much people were being paid."

"Alstom said everyone on the site is being paid to the nationally agreed rate, but that hasn't been happening. They were embarrassed when we brought this up. This is evidence of what can go on when unions are not involved."

Under the national agreement, the rate of pay for a skilled tradesman is £14 an hour.

The Polish worker who gave his contract to the GMB was only receiving £10.01 an hour.

GMB general secretary Paul Kenny said: "As well as this evidence from the Isle of Grain, our organisers have evidence of the same thing at the Lindsay Oil Refinery site."

"Our members have had enough of being lied to by contractors and sub-contractors on this issue. This lying will have to stop."

"On Thursday the trade unions submitted a claim to the employers for proper auditing before contracts are awarded, to satisfy members that subcontractors bidding for the work can afford and plan to pay agreed rates before they can even be considered for the work."

"We expect the employers to agree to this auditing at Grain. If they do not, we will have no hesitation in sanctioning a national ballot for official industrial action across the engineering construction industry."

An Alstom spokesman said the firm had

addressed concerns raised by the GMB and workers were now being paid correctly. He added: "This issue was picked up as part of an established process to check sub-contractors are complying with national agreements on pay."

"We are reinforcing the need for all our sub-contractors to be fully compliant with these new agreements at all times."

Alstom is overseeing the Grain building project on behalf of the German energy giant E.ON, and has come under fire from Unite which is angry the firm did not include a clause in its tendering contract that any subcontractor should seek to employ British workers.

Mr Willoughby has already organised two protests outside the power station, with a third due to take place on Tuesday, March 24. A demonstration will also be held outside Chatham Jobcentre on Thursday, where more than 500 people have applied for work at Grain only to be denied interviews.

Mr Willoughby said: "We are looking for a breakthrough but we need the people at Alstom to help us come to some sort of agreement. We're not going to give up this fight."

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# Forest concert awaits opera beauty Jenkins

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**SINGING** sensation Katherine Jenkins says she has no plans to dump her operatic roots in favour of a pop-star lifestyle.

The 28-year-old Welsh native, who will sing at a summer concert in Kent this year, has sold more than four million albums worldwide and performed at the Royal Variety Performance and the FA Cup final.

While the opera style may have not been enough for Charlotte Church, Jenkins told Kent on Sunday she was more than happy to continue as she was.

She said: "You can never say never, but there are still so many other things I want to achieve with opera, so I'm happy to let the pop stars do their thing while I do mine."

"When I started singing I had ambitions I wanted to achieve and I've set myself new goals as the years have passed. I think it's important for everybody to do that."

"America is next for me and I'm flying to Los Angeles this week. I've mainly focused on the UK and places like Japan and China so far, but my record deal is based in the United States, so it will be a new challenge for me. I'm not going out there with any real expectations, I'm just going to work hard and see what happens."

Born in Neath, south Wales, Jenkins was the star of her mother's Sunday school choir and at the age of 13 was named BBC Welsh Choirgirl of the Year.

Her first album, *Premiere*, was the fastest-selling of all time by a mezzo-soprano, shift-



**WELSH PASSION:** Katherine Jenkins

ing more than 30,000 copies in its first week.

Jenkins' star has continued to rise and she is perhaps best known outside opera circles for her passionate renditions of the Welsh national anthem at rugby matches.

Bedgebury National Pinetum and Forest, near Goudhurst, is the location for her concert with the National Symphony Orchestra on Sunday, June 7, just a day after rock legends Status Quo perform there.

Both dates form part of the Forestry Commission's summer concert season.

Jenkins said: "This will be one of my first summer shows and they're my favourites to play at because the atmosphere is always great. They're more relaxed – people can wear what they like and bring a picnic – whereas concert halls are a lot more formal."

"They'll be allowed to have drinks with their friends, lie back and enjoy the music. I'm so lucky to be able to perform at such a beautiful venue. I just hope we get nice weather on the day."

Jenkins' rise to prominence as one of the world's best singers has coincided with an increase in the interest shown in opera by young people.

Previously the style was normally associated with portly men in suits, such as Luciano Pavarotti, but Jenkins said she was pleased to help change the image.

She added: "I've always wanted to get more young people involved in opera and hopefully I've helped do that."

"I think it helps that I come from a normal background, because opera can sometimes appear to be quite elitist and intimidating."

"It always makes me laugh when people ask me what sort of music I like, because I'm no different to most people my age. I like Take That, Madonna, Kylie and all the other artists everybody listens to."

All proceeds from Jenkins' performance at Bedgebury will go to environmental and social woodland projects.

Tickets cost £32 and can be booked by calling 01842 814612 or by visiting [www.forestry.gov.uk/music](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/music).

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## Rapist snared by DNA on victim

A MAN who preyed on women in Maidstone has pleaded guilty at court to rape and attempted rape after he was trapped by DNA.

Ashley Niblett, 20, from Gravesend, admitted raping a woman in her thirties in an alleyway next to the library, in St Faith's Street, during the early hours of July 11, last year.

He was caught after his DNA was found on the victim's face where he had licked her during the attack.



**GUILTY:** Niblett

Niblett's not guilty plea to raping the woman a second time was accepted during the hearing at Maidstone Crown Court on Thursday.

Niblett, formerly of Dover Street, Maidstone, also admitted attempting to rape another woman in the county town. On April 23, 2008, Niblett approached a 41-year-old from behind as she walked in Bower Place. He took her mobile phone and tried to sexually assault her.

He will be sentenced on May 11.

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TV stylist Nicky Hambleton Jones offers yourkenttv's Julie Maddocks advice on her appearance.

## Lib Dems suspend member in council corruption probe

A CITY councillor has been suspended from the Liberal Democrat group on Canterbury council after he was charged with corruption.

His membership of the party has also been suspended.

Cllr Roger Matthews, 57, of Beltinge Road, Herne Bay, faces corruption charges after a probe by Kent Police's serious economic crime unit.

He has been charged under the 1889 Act that relates to the acceptance of gifts and hospitality by councillors.

Company director Julian Brealy, 50, of Mandarin Lane, Herne Bay, owner of Herne Bay Golf Club and the man behind the proposal to build an ice rink in the seaside town, also faces charges of corruption. Cllr Matthews, who represents Greenhill and Eddington, has been bailed to appear before Maidstone magistrates later this month.

Lib Dem group leader Cllr Alex Perkins said: "While Cllr Matthews can if he wishes remain a city councillor, henceforth he is not, and cannot describe himself as, a Liberal Democrat and no longer speaks for or represents the Liberal Democrats."



**CHARGED:** Cllr Roger Matthews

As an independent, Cllr Matthews is entitled to take his seat at full council meetings and on the Herne Bay area panel.

However, seats on other committees which he held as a Lib Dem, such as overview and scrutiny and development control, will be reallocated to councillors who are members of the Lib Dem group.

The names of those replacing Cllr Matthews on these committees, and the formal reallocation of committee places, will be announced at a meeting of Canterbury City Council on Thursday. Cllr Matthews' places on working groups have already been reallocated to other members of the council.

Cllr Perkins said: "Roger Matthews will now face a court to explain his actions and it would be quite wrong for me to comment other than to reiterate that he has been suspended from the Lib Dem group and from the party."

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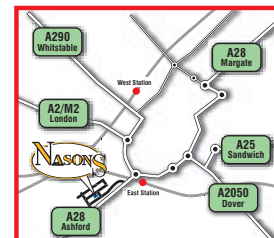
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## Iconic retail centre prepares to celebrate 10th anniversary

# Bluewater birthday



**TIME TO REFLECT:** Bluewater shopping centre is ready to celebrate a decade as a top retail and leisure destination

ONE of Europe's biggest shopping centres is ready to mark its 10th anniversary with a staff awards ceremony and a series of community events.

Bluewater, in Greenhithe, which is home to 330 leading British and international brands, celebrates a decade as a mecca for shoppers, tomorrow.

The centre occupies 1.5 million sq ft of retail space, boasts 50 restaurants and bars, 13,000 parking spaces, and 50 acres of parkland with seven lakes.

General manager Andrew Parkinson said: "Bluewater began with the belief that the impossible could be achieved with vision, commitment and the right team.

"That vision has become a reality and Bluewater recognises the commitment of its employees and thanks them for their exceptional contribution.

"We've had many highlights, including maintaining our status as the primary shopping and leisure destination. In the

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time we've been open a lot has happened in retail and we've brought in the best from around the world and set a benchmark."

Bluewater opened in March, 1999, and has so far welcomed more than 250 million visitors, which is equivalent to five times the population of England.

Centre bosses are keeping a tight lid on the details of their year-long programme of community and charity events until the anniversary celebrations tomorrow.

The day will begin with an awards ceremony to acknowledge the contribution made by the 500 employees who have been there since Bluewater's launch.

The centre has created 22,000 jobs in Kent since 1999. When it opened there was a 25 per cent drop in unemployment in nearby Dartford.

In the last decade, the mall has employed 9,000 local contractors and contributed £60

million to local businesses. It has contributed £325m to the community through business rates and bosses were keen to show it has a green side too, with a million trees and shrubs planted on the site. Although a big draw for many is the thousands of parking spaces, centre chiefs say they are committed to public transport.

"Bluewater has to always evolve and be at the head of everything it does. It is not just a shopping centre, people also come here for our parkland," Mr Parkinson said.

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## Winifred breaks ranks to join Chelsea Pensioners

A DECADE ago Winifred Phillips was reading an article in a magazine for Army veterans calling for more pensioners to come and live at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, *writes Nick Ames*.

It asked for men, but the Deal former servicewoman wrote back, asking: "Why not women, too?"

This week, the 82-year-old she got the reply she had been waiting for and put on the distinctive red coat - worn with pride by the hospital's residents - as the first woman admitted to their distinguished ranks.

The pensioner, whose RAF boyfriend was killed in World War Two, was a former Auxiliary Territorial Service member and will now live alongside about 300 men.

With her is another woman, Dorothy Hughes, 85, from Oxford.

Miss Phillips who served for 22 years and retired with the rank of Warrant Officer Class 2, said she asked in 1999 why women were not allowed to become members.

She said: "Ten years ago I read a magazine called The Legion and it said they wanted more men [to join the hospital].

"So I wrote and asked, 'Why not women?' At first I heard nothing, so I decided not to get excited about it. Eventually they wrote back and said they were going to accept women, but they had to get approval. Then it was matter of waiting for the accommodation. But I knew it would come one day."

Back in 1999, many residents disapproved of changes to the institution which



**CENTRE OF ATTENTION:** Winifred, left, and Dorothy, flanked by male residents

was established by Charles II in 1682.

Ralph Dickson, 83, said: "There are some stick-in-the-muds who won't accept change. But they are all in the infirmary."

Apart from minor adaptations to the uniform to accommodate the female form, there will be few changes at the west London hospital that has provided "succour and relief of veterans broken by age and war" since it was established.

The two women will join the male veterans for three meals a day, although they will live in a new building - the Margaret Thatcher Wing - until refurbishment of the dormitories in the main building is completed.

Within hours of the women's arrival dozens of veterans invited them to lunch.

"What we need now is one woman for each of us," said resident Geoff Crowther, 79.

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# Chief constable responds to report on 'repressive' policing of Climate Camp

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## Police call in watchdog

CHIEF Constable Mike Fuller has voluntarily passed a report criticising his force's response to the Kingsnorth Climate Camp to the police watchdog.

The county's top officer said he would meet with the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) next week to discuss the Liberal Democrat document, which found officers at the environmental protest were heavy-handed and "repressive".

The investigation, based on eyewitness accounts and video footage, found officers abused their stop-and-search powers, used sleep-deprivation tactics and aggressively threatened a peaceful procession involving children and people with disabilities.

Mr Fuller said: "This document makes a number of allegations. Kent Police's policy has always been to be open and transparent in everything we do and this will be no different. If we find officers have failed to meet the very high standards we expect then we will act."

More than 1,000 people, including campaigners, councillors, MPs, an MEP, and families, took part in last August's protest on the

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Hoo Peninsula over energy giant E.ON's plans for a coal-fired power station.

The report was compiled by Climate Camp's legal team and launched by David Howarth, the Liberal Democrat shadow justice secretary on Thursday at an event called Political Policing and the Criminalisation of Protest.

Asked whether policing used against campers marked a change in the tactics used at protests, Mr Howarth said: "I think it is getting more and more heavy-handed."

"There is an attitude developing nationally in the police and from ACPO (the Association of Chief Police Officers) about protests, which is very disturbing."

In a particularly shocking incident during an organised 'festive picnic' procession involving older people and parents with children, a police helicopter hovered low above the crowd with a loudspeaker announcing "you must disperse immediately or police horses, dogs and long-handled batons will be used against you".

Kent Police's Assistant Chief Constable (ACC) Allyn Thomas has now admitted the

threatening message had been a mistake.

Psychological tactics such as sleep deprivation were used by officers as music was blasted into the camp during the early hours of the morning including The Clash's I Fought the Law (And The Law Won).

"Police should recognise a very, very clear distinction between preventing crime, which they are absolutely entitled to do, and preventing peaceful protest," Mr Howarth said.

"Their job is to prevent crime and they should recognise an obligation to assist peaceful protest as it is a fundamental right."

An investigation by a national newspaper found that police placed journalists under surveillance during the camp, which ACC Thomas was forced to accept was wrong.

In response to the report ACC Thomas said: "The policing operation around Climate Camp was large, complex, arranged at short notice and without the co-operation of protest organisers. It was an illegal mass trespass without the consent of the landowner."

"The stated intention from the outset was to break into the power station, putting lives and the power supply to 300,000 residents at risk. This meant we had to plan and carry out one of the biggest police operations seen

in the county for more than 25 years."

But many people have criticised the £5.9 million operation, which involved officers from 26 forces, as being disproportionate to the threat posed by protestors.

"There were more police officers policing the Kingsnorth Climate Camp than there were protestors," Mr Howarth said.

Last year minister Vernon Coaker had to apologise after telling MPs 70 officers had been injured, when research revealed that police suffered only 12 reportable injuries for minor mishaps such as wasp stings.

The Lib Dems are now calling for a public inquiry into policing at the Climate Camp to help prevent further criminalisation of protest.

ACC Thomas added: "By seizing items which could have been used to commit a crime we were able to ensure that criminal acts were not carried out and, more importantly, that no one was injured. These included knives, spears and grappling hooks. There could be no innocent explanation for people carrying these items."

"We hope that anyone who attends a similar event in future accepts their responsibility to do so lawfully and in a legal manner."

"The majority of comments from the people of Kent were wholly supportive of our actions."

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By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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A CAREER criminal has been jailed for providing fake identities for £38 million of stolen vehicles.

Richard Shepherd, of Birchington, ran an illegal sideline 'ringing' vehicles from his shop, Image Grafix in Swanley, which was licensed by the DVLA to make car number plates.

The 43-year-old sold a variety of false identification items such as chassis and vehicle identification numbers for a range of cars and other vehicles. He also used a website to ensure his illegal activities had national and international reach.

The Metropolitan Police said he was the lynchpin of the UK's car ringing process.

Det Con Richard Baldwin said: "Shepherd facilitated the ringing of £38m worth of stolen vehicles, making this investigation the highest value case handled by the Met's Stolen Vehicle Unit and one of the largest money laundering cases the Met has dealt with."

Shepherd was sentenced at Southwark Crown Court on Thursday to four years for two counts of misuse of manufacturers' trademarks and six-and-a-half years each for two counts of money laundering, which are all to be served concurrently.

The Met launched an investigation into his activities in 2006 called Operation Goyt.

When Shepherd was arrested, in May of the same year, he was waiting for a new £136,000 Ferrari F430 to be delivered.

His nephew Jamie Langdon, of

# Lynchpin of car ringing trade is jailed



**FALSE IDENTIFICATION: Richard Shepherd worked on 1,800 vehicles**

Orpington, was also arrested. Police said the 21-year-old, who was a juvenile when he was first employed and corrupted by Shepherd, was given 250 hours of community service and a two-year supervision order for two counts of misuse of manufacturers' trademarks at sentencing this week.

In the shop officers found false chassis plates, computers, an industrial stamping machine and records.

Detectives went on to find Langdon's fingerprints on false number plates that had been fitted to stolen cars.

Even after the pair had been arrested and were released on bail, police said they continued to provide false identities for stolen cars.

Records of Shepherd's income found in a safe at the shop showed that over five years he had failed to declare £385,000 cash income, which equates to the ringing of 1,800 vehicles.

Mercedes, BMWs and Range Rovers as well as high value plant machinery such as large excavators were among the types of ringed vehicles.

Shepherd's website had been previously investigated by Kent Trading Standards in 1999 and 2003 and he had been cautioned and then prosecuted for misusing motor manufacturers' trademarks.

In 2003 he was given a nine-month prison sentence for ringing his own car with stolen plates after a Met Police investigation.

## Fair traders

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## OAP arsonist

A MAN has admitted arson following a fire at the Cliffe Court Hotel in Dover.

Peter Fagan, 68, was arrested on suspicion of arson and recklessly endangering life following a police investigation into the blaze, on Tuesday, March 10.

Fagan, who lives at the property, appeared at Folkestone Magistrates Court on Wednesday and pleaded guilty to the charge.

He has been remanded to appear at Canterbury Crown Court on March 23.

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## Child porn lands ex-cop in prison

A FORMER policeman has been sentenced to a year in prison after almost 50 images of child abuse were found on his mobile phone.

Thomas Peter Simmons, 61, of Kingsnorth Gardens, Folkestone, admitted making indecent images of children.

The former detective sergeant was charged in August last year with six offences of making indecent images of children, three offences of distributing indecent images of children and one offence of sending obscene communications over a telecommunications network.

During a search of Simmons' home, officers discovered mobile phones he used to access the images online. Simmons, who left the force around five years ago, was found with 48 indecent images of children.

## DJ hypnotised to be smoke-free

A PRESENTER on Kent's largest commercial radio station has stubbed out her last cigarette with the help of hypnosis.

Invicta FM's breakfast show host Gemma Shepherd was among 50 listeners who took part in an hypnotherapy session led by Tim Smale on Wednesday to mark National No Smoking Day. She said: "We had a huge response from our listeners wanting to give up."

"First Tim talked about smoking, why we do it and the positive reasons why we should all stop. Then he dimmed the lights, played some relaxing music and the next thing I remember is waking up feeling great."

Mr Smale runs a private hypnotherapy practice in London, which specialises in positive performance and behaviour modification.

# Ref quitting after player spits at him



INSULT: A referee was spat on by an angry player

A REFEREE who suffered being spat in the face by a player he had just sent off has announced his intentions to quit.

The attack on Jonathan Stone happened after he had blown for half-time in the Kent League Premier Division match between Sevenoaks Town and Beckenham Town, on March 4.

Having shown Sevenoaks player Anton Stephenson a red card for foul and abusive language, Stephenson spat in the referee's face before making his way back to the changing rooms.

In a post on the Kent League fans' forum, Mr Stone said he decided to quit after an official allegedly told him he could not abandon the game as a result of what had happened.

He wrote: "I contacted the referees' appointments secretary from the league. This is the person we go to when we have issues during games and who we report any incidents to."

"I called and, after explaining what had

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happened, asked if it was OK to abandon the match. He replied 'no, you must finish and report it'.

"I will not be continuing with my future refereeing career and will be resigning at the end of the current season. I also do not expect to ever officiate on a Kent League match again."

"I make all these comments with no malice against the player. What's done is done."

"My disappointment and frustration is with a league that does not care about its referees, has no way of protecting them and is on the phone very quickly when you make an administrative error but is nowhere to be found when you are assaulted."

The referee's secretary Mr Stone said he spoke to – Ray Brown – declined to comment.

The Kent County Football Association's referee development officer John Newson said

he believed Mr Stone should have been able to abandon the game as he was the person in charge of it.

He added: "I have seen his comments and I have a certain amount of sympathy."

"If I was refereeing and someone tried to hit me, I would have had the self-control to have not reacted. But if they spat, I would probably have hit them. It's vile."

Mr Newson disagreed that such an incident suggested the national Respect campaign for referees was failing.

He said: "You can't go saying it's not working because of one lunatic. What happened that night, no-one could control."

The Sevenoaks management team reportedly asked Stephenson to leave the ground following the incident, and he has since left the club.

Manager Simon Jones said: "We cannot condone things like that and he won't play for the club again. He is an excellent player but he had a shocker and you cannot do things like that on a football field."

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# Historic dream for seaside theme park

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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PLANS for a £12 million theme park containing historic rides rescued from around the country are to be unveiled this weekend.

The proposed heritage centre, which would be the first of its kind in the world, would be sited at the former Dreamland site in Margate and based around its listed Scenic Railway attraction.

Members of the Dreamland Trust, set up to preserve the amusement park, will reveal the plans at the West Coast Bar, King Street, from 7.30pm on Sunday.

Chairman Nick Laister said: "This will not be a collection of gentle old travelling fairground rides. Dreamland will recreate a large, thrilling permanent seaside amusement park of the sort found around the coast of Britain throughout most of the last century but that has now largely disappeared.

"We think it will be a great success and will play a transformational role in the regeneration of Margate."

The new Dreamland would include 15 rides, including replicas of the Caterpillar and water chute attractions once popular at the park before the closure process began in 2003.



**AMUSING:** The Dreamland Trust hopes to turn the park into a centre for historic rides

Plans for its regeneration have already been backed by the Prince of Wales, whose regeneration trust is providing advice to those working on the project.

A portion of the £12m funding will be spent on repairs to the Scenic Railway, which was partially destroyed by arsonists last year and is the only listed fairground ride in the world.

Mr Laister said he believed there was a gap in the market for the sort of theme park the Dreamland Trust was proposing.

He said: "It will be completely unique. We're not trying to compete with Alton Towers or Thorpe Park. We're all about fam-

ilies coming to Margate and enjoying the beach, with parents and grandparents reliving their childhoods and younger people experiencing these rides for the first time."

Funding for the heritage project has been provided by way of a Sea Change grant from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, with additional money from the Margate Renewal Partnership and Dreamland owner Margate Town Centre Regeneration Company.

Mr Laister said: "If we can secure our next round of grant funding, work on the park could start later this year, with it opening in 2012."

## Regional assembly dumped into the dustbin of history

THE "unloved animal" that was the South East England Regional Assembly has been replaced with a more accountable and streamlined body, according to its new chairman.

Paul Carter, leader of Kent County Council, has been elected as chairman for South East England Councils, which replaces the now abolished Seera.

"I think regional assemblies have been unloved animals up and down the country," said Cllr Carter, who was also chair of SEERA and led the final meeting of the quango last Wednesday.

"The south east is the first to get rid of it under new Government legislation. It is being replaced with a better, more friendly animal. The previous regional assembly lacked democratic accountability."

He criticised the complex voting system at Seera, which he said never provided a "positive" decision.

South East England Councils would be much more effective, he said.

The new body has been formed from the 74 leaders of the South East's local authorities, which includes districts, unitary and county councils, who then elected 22 leaders to an executive. Working with the South East England Development Agency (Seeda), the executive will be dealing with the major strategic issues affecting the region.

Cllr Carter said: "We will be defining the essentially needed transport schemes, housing numbers, economic development, skills and the economy."

"It is the high-level stuff affecting the whole of the region. A board of eight representatives from the executive will be interfacing with Seeda and if we cannot agree it goes to the secretary of state."

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# Council chief: Don't put targets before children

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**EXTRA** red tape for social workers will only increase the risks of another Baby P-type tragedy occurring, warns the head of Kent County Council.

Peter Gilroy was one of a select few council chief executives asked to contribute to Lord Laming's inquiry into children's services in the UK.

The peer's report was published on Thursday and contained 58 recommendations as to how youngsters can be further protected from harm.

They include improving the quality of social work qualifications and drawing up a national strategy to address recruitment and retention problems.

While Mr Gilroy welcomed most of the major suggestions, which have all been accepted by Children's Secretary Ed Balls, he told KOS Media he hoped they would not add to the bureaucracy already experienced by social workers.

He said: "What we don't want is more red tape, more targets and more processes with the belief that it will improve the standards of child protection, because it will not. It will only make things worse."

## Fears inquiry findings will add to social services bureaucracy

"I've been very worried recently about the amount of bureaucracy Kent's social workers have to deal with and I'm still worried about it, and I will be addressing those concerns in the coming weeks."

Seventeen-month-old Baby P died after receiving sustained abuse at the hands of his mother, her boyfriend and their lodger in Haringey, north London, in August, 2007.

### Frustrated and upset

A review headed by Mr Gilroy last month concluded there is "sound professional practice" to prevent such a scandal occurring in Kent, but this week he admitted he could make no promises: "No-one has ever resolved this issue of why human beings kill children. If we did know, then there would be no murders."

"Will we have another case like Baby P? Probably. Will we all be frustrated and upset? Probably."

"Can we make these sorts of cases less frequent? Certainly we should and certainly we can."

"I wish I could say it will never happen in Kent, but I can't. If it does happen then we will have to look at whether people have been negligent

or incompetent and go through the process of dealing with them."

"What we don't want is for people to vilify the whole profession because that doesn't help. We need the public to back social workers rather than blame them when something goes wrong."

Lord Laming had previously made 108 recommendations following his inquiry into the death of eight-year-old Victoria Climbié, also in Haringey, who was abused by her aunt for months before she died in February, 2000.

His latest report concluded there had been an "over-emphasis on process and targets" among social workers since, although some in the profession have blamed Lord Laming's initial reforms for adding to the burden.

Despite his concerns about more red tape, Mr Gilroy said he was pleased with most of the new suggestions: "I'm glad there will be better training for social workers and more money put into children's services."

"But I also think everybody at KCC should take more of an interest in children's social services, including politicians and officers. We need to work together to create an environment where we can all make a difference."

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# Designer driven to support Arsenal charity effort



RAFFLE: Sean Davis and Gerald Scarfe, left Arsène Wenger admires the artwork

A CREATIVE expert has worked with artist Gerald Scarfe and Arsenal FC stars to decorate a special car that is being raffled for charity.

Arsenal manager Arsène Wenger and players Gael Clichy and Robin van Persie joined world-famous cartoonist Gerald Scarfe last week to unveil the unique Citroën C4.

The 'Ultimate Arsenal Fans' Car' was designed by Scarfe in consultation with the players and is being raffled in aid of Arsenal's charity of the season, the Teenage Cancer Trust.

Scarfe was helped by Sean Davis of Creative FX in Bromley to turn his drawing into decals for the car.

Tickets to win the car cost just £2 with all funds going to Teenage Cancer Trust.



# Manston loses out on BA freight bid

KENT International Airport as Manston will not be serving as a hub for British Airways World Cargo after the airline pulled out of a potential deal.

BAWC has decided to maintain its long-haul operation at Stansted rather than relocate to Thanet.

The news was announced on Wednesday, and Matt Clarke, chief executive of KIA, said: "Like any business that bids for a new contract and is unsuccessful, we are obviously disappointed. However, this was only one of several opportunities we have been pursuing and we are pleased with the level of interest shown by carriers in operating at KIA."

Thanet council extended the airport's night-flying hours last month to

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prepare for BAWC's possible arrival at Manston, although the airline's name was never officially revealed.

Councillors voted to allow 11 extra flights a week to land and take off, extending the hours when planes could land. They can now land as early as 6am and as late as 11.30pm, despite protests from members of the community objecting to the decision.

Mr Clarke said he was still upbeat about attracting more airlines: "We are committed to attracting further freight operators to the airport and ensuring the successful return of scheduled passenger services to a range of destinations in line with the development proposals outlined in our draft master plan."

"The fact Kent International was considered alongside Stansted shows how far its reputation in the industry has progressed since Infratil acquired it in 2005 and this bodes well for future business."

"We have now established a solid base of regular freight customers, and tonnage has bounced back after the temporary reduction associated with the administration of MK Airlines."

He went on: "We would like to thank Thanet District Council and the community for their support in our efforts to secure the new business."

"We have received a great deal of support from our neighbours and stakeholders and it has been heartening to see the clear recognition in Thanet that growth at the airport will bring with it employment and opportunity to local people."

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# Former warriors are laying the foundations for peace

A CHARITY highlighting the plight of war victims throughout the world is being set up by members of the Gurkha community in Kent, *writes Steve Knight*.

The Gurkha Peace Foundation also aims to provide education for the poorest children in Nepal as well as to help integrate former soldiers and their families into British communities. Canterbury councillor Brian Staley, who is a trustee for a similar charity supporting victims of the Vietnam War, is helping to lay the foundations for the new group.

He said: "Sadly, victims of war are often forgotten. We want to ensure they are not. Some Gurkhas will never be fully compensated for what they have been through. There are many British soldiers who will never

recover from the injuries and trauma caused by war. Many of us feel there will be a need to strengthen internal peacekeeping based around the principles of the UN, which is rundown and cannot do a proper job."

Shorncliffe Barracks in Folkestone is home to the 2nd Battalion The Royal Gurkha Rifles, who are now serving in Afghanistan.

And nearly half the soldiers of the Maidstone-based 36 Engineers Regiment are Queen's Gurkha Engineers.

Last week a ceremonial Gurkha 'kukri' knife, complete with an engraved sheath and stand, was auctioned to raise funds for the new charity. Guests at the Marine Hotel in Tankerton, Whitstable, were entertained by a Gurkha piper and Nepalese dancers. Cllr

Staley said the charity, for which £1,200 has already been set aside, hoped to organise similar events in the future.

He added: "The Gurkhas want to support the poorest people in Nepal, but they also want to strengthen the ties between their old home and their new one."

"Already the wives of soldiers at Howe Barracks in Canterbury are serving food at SureStart centres because they want to mix with the community and help people."

"The charity is very much at the embryo stage. We want to do this properly, taking time to lay the foundations, rather than going hell for leather."

The Gurkha Peace Foundation has close links with the Gurkha Justice Campaign,

which is fighting to secure equal rights for the Nepalese soldiers.

In September, High Court judges ruled that the system of allowing only those soldiers who retired after 1997 to remain in the UK was unlawful, and ordered the Home Office to devise new rules. Cllr Staley said he hoped the Government would stick to its promise of announcing a revised policy by the end of this month.

He said: "Hopefully, once we receive the news we have been waiting for, we'll be able to really press on with the charity. We're almost there, but if the Government doesn't give the Gurkhas the equal rights they deserve, I'm sure there will be a public outcry and we'll continue fighting."

# Fallen Gurkha hero's family can stay in UK

ACTRESS Joanna Lumley has welcomed the Government's decision to allow the family of a Gurkha killed in Afghanistan to stay in the UK.

Colour Sergeant Krishna Dura, of the 2nd Battalion The Royal Gurkha Rifles, based at Shorncliffe Barracks, Folkestone, died in October in the Musa Qala district of Helmand

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Province when the vehicle he was travelling in was struck by a roadside bomb.

His widow, Uma, and their two young daughters had no automatic right to stay in the country and feared deportation.

However, earlier this week the Home Office announced the family would not be forced to leave their home.

Ab Fab star Lumley is backing a national campaign to secure equal rights for the Nepalese warriors and had said previously it was unthinkable that the wife and children of a war hero should have to worry about being asked to leave their home.

But this week the actress told KOS Media: "I'm delighted. This family's right to live in the UK should never have been in doubt and the law should be changed right away."

"We welcome Mrs Dura and her family to Britain with all of our hearts."

C/Sgt Dura's wife and children live in Canterbury, where constituency MP Julian Brazier had also been campaigning on their behalf. He said: "I am delighted by the news. Krishna Dura made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of this country, and this was the least we could do to express our gratitude."

"His wife has long been settled here and both his children were born in Britain and go to school in Canterbury. This is their home and I am very glad their future here is now secure."

C/Sgt Dura, 36, came from the Lamjung



**JUSTICE:** Actress and campaigner Joanna Lumley (left) has voiced her delight at the decision to allow the wife and children of Krishna Dura (right) to stay in the UK

district of Nepal and enlisted in the British Army in 1992. He was quickly promoted through the ranks and then selected for the Gurkha Reinforcement Company with the 2nd Bn the Parachute Regiment, serving with distinction before joining the Royal Gurkha Rifles in 1997.

An experienced senior non-commissioned officer, C/Sgt Dura had tours in Bosnia Herzegovina, East Timor, Sierra Leone twice and was on his third tour in Afghanistan at the time of his death.

The Home Office is due to announce a new immigration policy for former Gurkha soldiers next week. A High Court ruling in September said the current system of allowing only those soldiers who retired after 1997 to remain in the UK was unlawful.



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## Cruise along to our great leisure show

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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GREAT ideas for day trips, weekend breaks and holidays abroad will be available at KOS Media's second annual Travel and Leisure Show.

Last year's event was a huge success, with more than 4,000 visitors cramming into Dover Cruise Terminal to find out more about the attractions on their doorstep as well as the deals offered by ferry operators crossing the Channel.

Many Britons are not expected to holiday abroad in 2009, and this year's show, again at the cruise terminal, on Sunday, March 29, will be even bigger and there will be plenty to discover about Kent's own array of attractions.

KOS Media's marketing director Richard Purvis said the event gave firms in the travel, tourism and leisure industry the chance to show what they have to offer.

He added: "This is an opportunity for people to go along and chat to more than 100 companies and learn about the



tunity to find the right cruise at the right price, to destinations across the world.

There will also be a competition to win a two-week cruise, courtesy of Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines, as well as 25 other great prizes.

Younger children will be able to visit a face-painter while older siblings can experience the thrill of the TechZone, which will have a range of video games available to enjoy. Hot and cold food and drinks will also be available at the show, which will run from 10am until 4pm.

Event manager Liz Hare said: "There's a really good mix of things to see and do – it really is a great day out for the family."

"Kent has a lot to offer in terms of visitor attractions and the Travel and Leisure Show will be the only chance this year people will get to see them all under one roof."



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TASTY TREATS: Kent tourism representatives will be at the Dover show again this year



BUSY: Thousands attended last year's KOS Media Travel and Leisure Show

county's historic castles, zoos, public gardens, hotels and the like.

"A lot of people last year said they didn't know half these attractions existed, so we'll also be showcasing lots of these hidden gems – places that don't have big budgets but are fantastic to visit nonetheless."

"Kent is also blessed with ferry operators crossing the Channel and the show will give visitors a great opportunity to see what is available, from day trips to short breaks in Europe."

There will also be representatives from French attractions and tourist offices attending.

The Travel and Leisure Show has received official accreditation from the organisers of British Tourism Week, which runs from March 23-29 and aims to raise awareness of the importance of Britain's visitor economy.

Dover and Deal Labour MP Gwyn Prosser has voiced his support for the initiative and will be in attendance.

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IMPRESSIONS of Kent through the eyes of artists in the late 18th and early 20th centuries can be found in a series of re-releases by publishers.

Walter M Keesey, a graduate of London's Royal College of Art, was born in 1887 and was a renowned architect, etcher and watercolour painter.

In 1915, his delicate drawings of Canterbury were included in the Black's Sketchbooks series, which were popular in the early 20th century and showcased the work of a group of artists who were well-known at the time.

A spokeswoman for the publisher A&C Black said: "These books have long had an enthusiastic following with almost 50 sketchbooks in the series, including some famous cities on the Continent, such as Paris and Venice."

"Rooting through publisher

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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archives to unearth lost literary treasures has proved a highly successful endeavour for A&C Black, who, in 2007, were looking for ways to celebrate their 200-year history and decided to republish some old gems."

The first books to be re-released included Don'ts for Husbands and Don'ts for Wives, which were originally published in 1913.

Keesey also created 'sketchbooks' for Harrow and Cambridge and his book on Canterbury features careful renderings of the city's cathedral, the Butter Market and Borough Corner.

The changing character of Kent can be further explored in a series of 20 books on rural England being released next month by publisher Penguin.

English Journeys celebrates all

aspects of the countryside and two books in the series follow artists' travels through the Garden of England.

William Cobbett (1763-1835), who was a prolific writer and radical journalist who campaigned for parliamentary reform, wrote about his journey along the White Cliffs of Dover, which was first published in 1830.

At the time he said of his trip: "This is what the people of Kent call the Garden of Eden. It is a district of meadows, corn fields, hop gardens, and orchards of apples, pears, cherries and filberts, with very little if any land which cannot, with propriety, be called good."

The son of a tavern owner, who was born in Surrey, he travelled extensively both around England and to France and America.

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natural landscape and the injustices experienced by labourers he met along his way.

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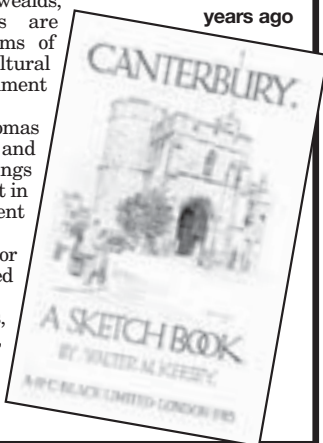
Poetic descriptions of oaken wealds, cornfields and rolling downs are juxtaposed with cutting criticisms of the poverty suffered by agricultural workers and the corrupt establishment of his day.

In *One Green Field*, Edward Thomas (1878-1917), a poet, journalist and essayist, describes his wanderings through the countryside from Kent in the heart of England through ancient woodlands and open meadows.

First published in 1906, the author provides a poetic and personalised journey through Kent.

Penguin is hoping the series, which will be published on April 2, will inspire families to get out and about in the English countryside during the Easter holidays.

**CAPTURED MOMENTS:** The sketches are delicate drawings from almost 100 years ago



## Manhunt for girl's sex attacker

POLICE have released a computer-generated image of a man they are hunting after an 11-year-old girl was sexually assaulted.

The attack took place in October, 2004, in Aylesford, but has only just been reported to officers.

The school girl was walking home along Station Road when she was assaulted by a man who is described as quite tall, of Asian appearance, with dark hair.

He was wearing black jeans, a dark zipped coat which looked too big for him, and red trainers with white flashes.

Det Sgt Jason Booth said: "Although this incident took place

some time ago, people may still recognise this man.

"However, I would ask people to take into account that he may have changed his appearance or aged over the years.

"It is also possible the man we would like to talk to may have worked in the area at the time the incident took place so if you can help, please contact police."

Anyone with any information is asked to contact police on 01732 379217 or Kent Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

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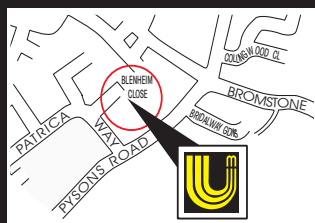
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By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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CONCERNS have been raised about plans for a hostel in Thanet to house convicts who have been released early from prison on licence.

Roger Gale, the Conservative MP for Thanet North, said the area had some of the highest levels of social deprivation in the South East and suffered from crimes of violence, anti-social behaviour, drug-taking and domestic abuse.

He said: "At a time when the police, the local authorities, social services and health authorities are all seeking to address these issues it cannot be appropriate to add to that burden."

"I accept entirely that ex-offenders have a need for housing, a right to return home and a demand for rehabilitation – and I have been actively involved in that process myself."

"I do not believe, however, that Thanet can accept responsibility, given the provision the island is already making for immigrants and cared-for children from out

# Convicts' hostel would 'add to isle's problems'

of area, for yet another tranche of people with social problems from outside the area."

## Accommodation

Mr Gale wrote to justice minister David Hanson on Wednesday after an "unsatisfactory" response was given to a written question he tabled in Parliament last week.

The MP was tipped-off a property

management company, ClearSprings, was acting on behalf of the Home Office to establish one or more hostels for criminals in Thanet.

"I understand that landlords and estate agents in Margate have been approached for 'affordable' accommodation in the area," Mr Gale said.

He was angry that MPs are not told in advance about plans for hostels for criminals on 'home deten-

tion curfew' in their constituencies.

In response to his question, Mr Hanson responded that MPs could write to contractors at any time.

But Mr Gale said: "That, I fear, epitomises part of the problem."

"If the search for cheap premises is covert and if there is 'no formal period for representations' and if MPs are not to be informed until a fait accompli has been arrived at, how

are we supposed to express concerns?"

"We have no knowledge of what is going on behind our back and no information about or contact details for 'the contractor' and that is, quite simply, unacceptable."

He has asked Mr Hanson what category of prisoners will be staying at the hostel and whether it will be housing prisoners from outside the area.

The Home Detention Curfew scheme allow prisoners to be released up to four-and-a-half months before their release date and is designed to help them adapt for life outside prison, according to the Home Office website.

Prisoners sign a licence, which tells them what time they have to be at home or in a hostel, usually between 7pm and 7am. They wear an electronic tag and are monitored.

Mr Gale was concerned the scheme was being used to solve prison over-crowding and that the criminals involved would be locked up if there was space.

Thanet council leader Cllr Sandy Ezekiel said: "We are completely opposed to this idea and will do everything we can to resist it."



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## Drivers' views to be used in new ways of policing roads

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

SPEEDING drivers and motorists using hand-held mobiles for making calls and texting were among the top concerns of road users in Kent, a police survey has found.

Kent Police said the survey was to establish how motorists think the strategic road network (SRN), which is made up of the M25, M20, M2 A20 and A2 in the county, should be policed.

Drivers pulling into the service station at junction eight of the M20 were surveyed by officers on Wednesday, in a pilot event that could be repeated around the county.

Top priorities drivers think the police should pay more attention to included motorists hogging the middle lane and general 'lane discipline', foreign lorries manoeuvring and not signalling, and tailgating.

A force spokeswoman said: "Speeding and mobile phone use are targeted in our various road safety campaigns and form part of our business plan."

### Anti-social

"Lane discipline and tailgating are targeted as part of cracking down on anti-social behaviour and we're looking at increasing prosecutions for poor standards of driving."

She said that once information from the survey had been properly assessed it would be used to inform future road safety campaigns such as those warning motorists of the dangers of drink and drug driving.

"In relation to foreign drivers, from April 1 police will have new powers under the Road Safety Act 2006 to request financial deposits for fines or summonses from offenders who don't have a satisfactory UK address."

"Police will also be able to place points on a database record of a non-GB licence holder without the need to view the foreign driver licence."

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# County's £130k bill after bypass planning blunder

MORE than £130,000 of taxpayers' money looks set to be squandered after a Kent County Council planning blunder, **writes Jenna Pudelek.**

A long-running dispute involving KCC, multinational 'aircrete' building blocks maker H+H Celcon, and Wrotham and Ingham parish councils has led to the Planning Inspectorate making an unprecedented ruling over legal costs.

The row centred on KCC accepting an offer from Celcon to build the long-awaited Borough Green bypass for free in return for planning permission for a new factory to make its building materials.

The new plant would be next to its existing site in Ingham, which is in the protected green belt and an area of outstanding natural beauty.

KCC has now been ordered to pay the legal costs of the parish councils, which are estimated to be as much as £135,000.

And a County Hall spokesman confirmed that planners were now working on another 'development-led application' for a bypass that will be submitted this year.

Cllr Harry Rayner, independent chairman of Wrotham Parish Council, described what he labelled

a "complex tale of incompetence".

After local objections to plans for the new factory, there was an inspectorate inquiry to look at both sides of the dispute before a decision was made by Government planners, he said.

But KCC claimed County Hall had a 'certificate of lawfulness' allowing it to make the decision on the application. This was despite the fact that planning permission for the bypass – a key part of the deal – had expired in 1997. The inquiry ruled in favour of the parish councils and last week the inspectorate ordered KCC and Celcon to pay their costs up to May 11, 2007.

## Serious money

"This reflects badly on both KCC and Celcon," Cllr Rayner said. "Celcon has lost all its application costs, but the largest financial penalties are imposed on KCC."

"Celcon fielded a barrister with 10 consultants and expert witnesses at the inquiry, which KCC now has to pay for along with a significant proportion of the parish councils' costs."

It comes after KCC already paid out £88,000 in legal costs on planning judicial reviews in Wrotham parish last year.

This included £60,000 to the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) after KCC granted planning permission for a 'super depot' at

Wrotham in a partially greenfield site within the green belt and an AONB.

A spokesman could not say how much KCC had paid out in legal costs last year after failed judicial reviews.

Cllr Rayner said: "The Planning Inspectorate said it was foolish and negligent. It is taxpayers who are having to pay out for KCC's mistakes."

"It is serious money, especially when you take into account the £50 million lost in the Icelandic bank collapse. It's like monkeys are looking after our money."

He said residents understood the need for a bypass and were mainly supportive – if it was provided with public money. But people were fearful of development-led planning which, Cllr Rayner claimed, could see 1,000 homes being built to fund the £17 million road.

KCC confirmed it was working on a planning application that would involve outside funding for the bypass but said it could be any type of developer.

Regarding the costs awarded to the parish councils, a spokesman said: "KCC has received a copy of the inspectorate's long-awaited decision. It is a relatively complicated decision and there are matters that need to be clarified before the full impact can be assessed. KCC is considering the decision with professional advisers to determine its next step."

A TEENAGER is fighting for his life in hospital after being attacked in the street at Borough Green.

The 16-year-old suffered a serious head injury during the assault, in Wrotham Road, at about 8.30pm on Tuesday.

The victim, from Borough Green, was taken to a London hospital where his condition was described as critical. A 17-year-old was arrested in connection with the incident and has been released on police bail.

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# Book tells tale of the 'little old lady' who passed secrets to Soviets for 40 years

# Red queen of the suburbs

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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WHEN David Burke telephoned his elderly friend after seeing her picture on the front page of The Times, she admitted she had been "a very naughty girl".

The woman in question was Melita Norwood, an 87-year-old communist from Bexleyheath who had just been uncovered as one of the Soviet Union's most important ever spies.

Working as a secretary for a trade organisation involved in the development of Britain's nuclear weapons, she passed secrets to Moscow for almost 40 years and played an instrumental role in the development of the Russians' first atomic bomb in 1949.

A media storm erupted when her cover was blown by a KGB defector a decade ago, but rather than sell her story to the national press she decided to confide in the historian whom she had been helping to write a book about Russians living in Britain.

Mr Burke said: "I was living in Yorkshire and used to come down and have Sunday lunch with her. One day I got off the coach at Milton Keynes and there she was, staring out at me from the front page of The Times."

"I just thought, 'Bloody hell', it was such a shock – I was speechless. I had no idea she had been a spy, and by this point I had



**FACING THE MUSIC:** Norwood at the time of her unmasking as a Soviet spy



**DOUBLE CROSS:** Young communist Melita Norwood pictured in the 1920s

known her for two years.

"She came across as a little old lady when she had actually been an extremely important Russian spy. As soon as I reached London I called her and she said she had been a very naughty girl and that I'd better visit her the week after instead because she had the world's press on her doorstep."

Mrs Norwood, who died in 2005, aged 93, was a committed communist given the code-name 'HOLA' by the Russian secret police.

She later admitted passing confidential documents to Moscow between 1937 and 1976 because she wanted the Soviet Union to remain on a level footing with the West.

Asked if Mrs Norwood had shown any remorse for her actions, Mr Burke said: "None whatsoever. As far as she was concerned, the Americans had the advantage because they had dropped the atomic bomb twice and Russia was next in line for attack."

"I just thought her story needed to be told."

As an academic historian I wanted to treat the story in a non-sensationalist manner.

"In the days that followed her being uncovered, a lot of articles were written but nobody knew the story of how she did it and why."

"She realised the story needed to be told but didn't want it to be published in her lifetime. I think it was almost a relief for her to tell me about it because she had kept this secret for almost 40 years and would have taken it to the grave had it not been for The Times."

The then-Home Secretary Jack Straw said there was no point in prosecuting Mrs Norwood given her age. Mr Burke said he hoped his book would help people decide whether she was right or wrong to do what she did. He said:

"Perhaps history should judge her rather than the courts. I wanted the book to be fair to her. I didn't want to condemn or applaud her. I just wanted to tell her story in as objective a way as possible."

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RIDE ON: Electric bike in action

# Eco bikes proving stroke of genius at motocross school

A MOTOCROSS charity has shown its commitment to helping the environment by using eco-friendly bikes powered by electricity.

Staff at the Dover-based Motocross Challenge Project (MXCP) took delivery of one of the Swiss-made green machines on Wednesday and said they would eventually like all the bikes they use to be free of pollutants.

Project manager Ric Newton said: "I think it's an amazing piece of equipment. I've seen it in operation and believe it's the way forward and something we should be promoting to young people."

"They need to know how important it is to look after the environment. Things aren't going to change overnight, but technology like this will help because there will be less noise pollution and no need for fuel."

"We want to be able to keep a couple of the bikes and promote them further because we aim to be a 'green' training school and that's what the world has got to be about."

## Facilities

MXCP works with Kent County Council, the prison service and other organisations to help young people learn outside the classroom. Members of the public can also use its facilities at the weekend.

The bikes tested this week were developed by Quantya, which released its first electric off-road bike the FMX in 2007.

Its successor the Track came out last year, as did its road-legal sister the Strada.

Quantya has been advertising its green initiative at motoring

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exhibitions throughout the world and MXCP is only too happy to help spread the word.

Mr Newton, who is a former professional motocross rider, said of the project: "It's an educational program that benefits young people because it is away from the school environment and they are able to learn about something they are really interested in."

"They learn how to do things like basic oil changes all the way up to how to rebuild a bike, and most of the same principles would apply with the ones that are powered by electricity."

Mr Newton said the Quantya bikes cost about £7,000 to buy and take about two hours to fully charge. The power would then last for an hour's worth of racing or about two-and-a-half hours of regular use.

He added: "Because the noise of the bikes is minimal and there is no pollution, we could potentially show them off in school playgrounds which would really help our outreach project."

"I think young people are naturally attracted to bike-riding because of the thrill and excitement and if they can learn to be eco-friendly while doing so then that can only be a good thing."

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**NOTORIOUS** police killer Harry Roberts, who gunned down three unarmed officers 42 years ago, should stay in prison until he dies, said the Gillingham sister of one of his victims, *writes Chris Murphy*.

She was speaking out after it emerged the career criminal could be released soon via a stay at an open prison – albeit with strict conditions.

Detective Sergeant Christopher Head was shot dead by Roberts.

The officer's sister said the murderer must stay behind bars after hearing he could be out in months.

Edna Palmer, 85, told a national newspaper: "Harry Roberts should never be released. There will never be enough time to make up for the terrible thing that he did. He is a dangerous man and, despite the time, he should remain in jail."

The now 72-year-old was locked up in 1966 for life for the murder of three policemen. The judge at the time said he should serve a minimum of 30 years, which expired 12 years ago.

Roberts believes he has become a political prisoner because successive Home Secretaries have feared a public backlash if they agreed to his release. He has completed the first stage of a parole board hearing and hoping that at a final meeting, it will be decided he is no longer a danger to the public.

It's thought plans are now being drawn up in case he is released and it is speculated he will be found a secret home for his own protection and will have to report to the probation service weekly.

Roberts said last year while at Littlehey Prison, Cambridgeshire: "I'm not Harry Roberts, police killer. I'm Harry Roberts, old-age pensioner."

"I want to get out of prison and make something of the last years of my life."

"I can understand why the families of the three policemen could never forgive me and wouldn't want me released. But I feel I've served my time."

### Heinous crime

Roberts was sitting in an estate van close to Wormwood Scrubs prison with two other men in August, 1966, when three plainclothes police approached him.

Fearing a stash of handguns was about to be discovered, Roberts opened fire in an incident that was to become known as the Massacre of Braybrook Street.

John Duddy, John Witney and Roberts were captured after a major manhunt.

At his six-day trial in December of the same year, the court heard Roberts admitted firing the shots that killed Detective Sergeant Head, 30, and Detective Constable David Wombwell, 25.

He denied murdering PC Geoffrey Fox, 41, as the shot had been fired by an accomplice, but he was found guilty.

Duddy, who fired the shot that killed PC Fox, died in prison in 1981.

Witney, became the first convicted police killer to be freed from jail when he was released in 1991 and eight years later was beaten to death at his Bristol home.

The trial judge, Mr Justice Glyn-Jones said the killings were "the most heinous crime to have been committed in this country for a generation or more".

Peter Smyth, chairman of the Metropolitan Police Federation, said officers will be dismayed if Roberts is freed.

He said: "There is no death penalty and we fully accept that but there are some crimes where life should mean life and that includes the murder of a police or prison officer in the course of their duty."

"There are some evil acts for which there is no forgiveness."

"Every police officer still considers these awful murders to be one of the most awful events in our history."

The slaughter led to the setting up of the Police Dependents' Trust, a charity which helped police officers who became victims of crime.

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ICE COOL: Demelza supporter Robin Cousins with young admirer Charlie

# The stars are ready to shine at Demelza's fundraisers

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TWO concerts are taking place to raise cash for the Kent-based Demelza children's hospice.

The funds will help Demelza open a new base in south-east London. At the first event, Olympic ice-skating gold medallist Robin Cousins will be hosting the Demelza Masquerade Ball at the Painted Hall, Greenwich, on March 20.

Mr Cousins is a vice-president of the charity, which is on the verge of opening a second children's hospice to expand the work done at Bobbing, near Sittingbourne.

He has starred in the West End musicals Cats and The Rocky Horror Picture Show, and is the head judge on ITV's Dancing on Ice programme. The 1980 Olympic men's figure skating champion will be MC for the night.

He will introduce, among others, Duncan James, a former member of boy band Blue, who has starred in Chicago in the West End; and classical crossover singer Keedie Babb. Joining them will be West End cast members who will perform a medley from Phantom of the Opera and other popular musical numbers. Then on March 27, X Factor runner-up Ben Mills will be performing for one night only in Sittingbourne.

The inspiration for the event came from Mayor of Swale Cllr Alan Willcombe, who will be donating the proceeds to his chosen charities: the RNLI, Demelza and Swale Young Carers.

Mr Mills was born in Chatham and rose to fame in the third series of the X Factor where he was mentored by Sharon Osbourne.

The long-haired rocker has since performed in some of the UK's biggest venues, but will appear at the Wyvern Hall at the Swallows leisure centre for this special intimate gig.

Mr Mills, whose debut album Picture of You reached number three in the UK charts in 2007, already supports Demelza and donates all proceeds from sales on his website to the hospice.

He said: "I am proud to be supporting these charities. Demelza is my chosen charity and holds a special place in my heart. The concert is going to be lots of fun, I want everybody up and dancing and enjoying themselves."

Cllr Willcombe said: "Ben is an incredibly talented singer and we are very proud to have him performing in Swale. Everyone will have a great time and in doing so will be supporting my chosen charities."

Some tickets are still available for the Masquerade Ball. Contact Clare Emmett on 01795 845288 or clare.emmett@demelza.org.uk or visit www.demelza.org.uk to order online. To book the £10 tickets for the Ben Mills show, phone 01795 417426.



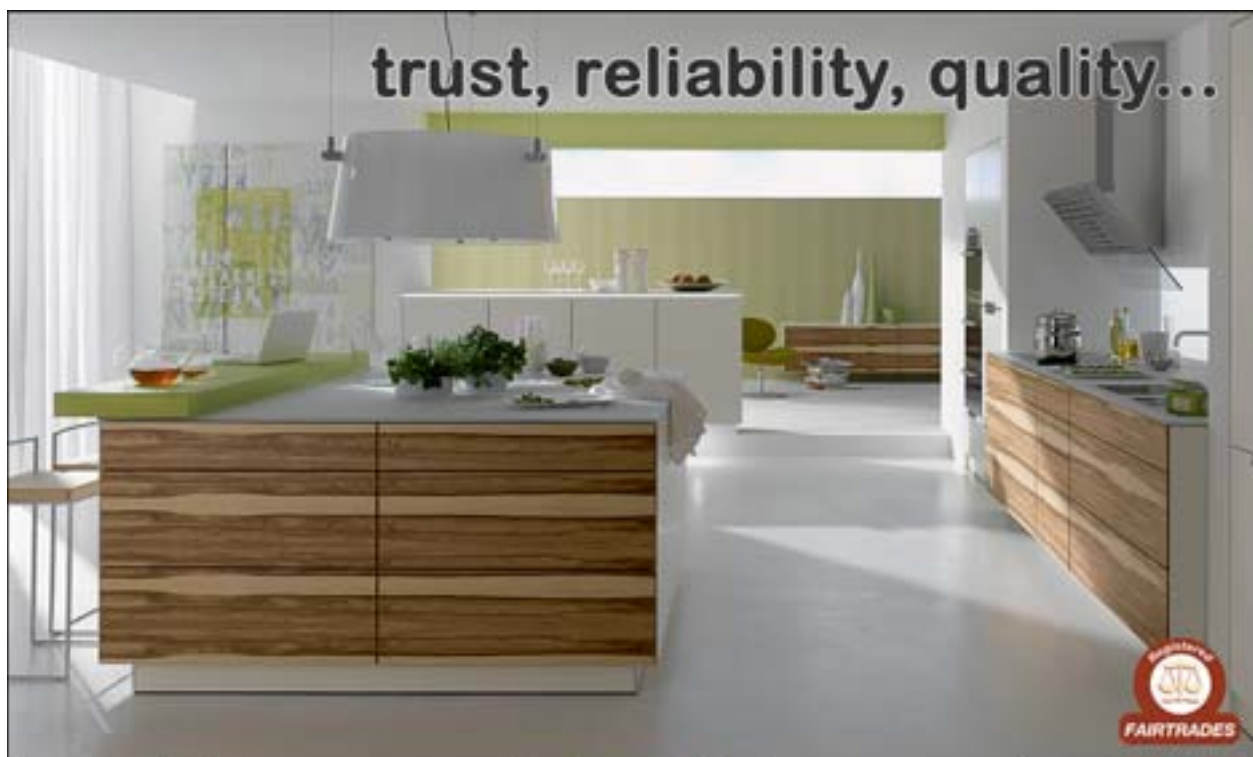
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PUPILS will continue to miss out on suitable grammar school places while Labour remains in government, Kent's education chief has claimed.

County council cabinet member Cllr Mark Dance believes the capacity problems in the west of the county will only be eased if at least one new grammar school is built there.

Until that happens, he says, children in Tunbridge Wells and Sevenoaks will continue to be asked to attend schools miles from their home.

This week Sevenoaks Tory MP Michael Fallon called on more money to be invested in Kent's grammars, which Cllr Dance said was a promising sign for the future.

He said: "It's an interesting time at the moment because Mr Fallon is saying all the right things and is likely to be in power with the rest of the Conservatives within 15 months, so he will then have more of an influence."

"In simple terms, we need more provision in the west of the county and ideally a new grammar school. Schools and school buildings have limits and schools in the west have reached that limit."

"But as things stand, we are not allowed to increase our numbers."

Letters were sent to pupils throughout Kent last week, informing them of whether or not they had been accepted at one of their top four secondary school choices.

About 96 per cent of 16,277 received the news they were looking for, while 773 youngsters were allocated a place by KCC.

Eleven-year-old Alex Chatfield, from Kemsing, near Sevenoaks, passed his 11-plus but was told his nearest appropriate school was the Harvey Grammar in Folkestone – more than 50 miles away.

Mother Sandra said Alex was devastated at the news after "working his socks off"

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to pass the test. She added: "It's a real slap in the face for him. He worked so hard only to find he can't get into two of his first-choice schools."

"If he doesn't get in after an appeal, I'm not sure what we'll do. I did think maybe he should just go to the local comprehensive, but that wouldn't be fair on Alex after he has worked so hard."

Independent education advisor Peter Read said he was not surprised Alex and others in his position could not get a place at a nearby grammar school.

He said: "There is a massive problem in Kent as there are not sufficient places."

"About 250 out-of-county children attend Kent schools and the majority to grammars. This displaces Kent children from their nearest schools."

Mr Read said all the grammar schools near Alex were either full or "super-selective", which means they target pupils with scores of more than 400 in their 11-plus.

He added: "The Harvey is simply the nearest grammar which has a vacancy."

Parents of pupils not satisfied with their secondary school offer have until March 26 to lodge an appeal.

A spokesman for the Department of Children, School and Families said: "We have always been clear that we will not allow any new grammar schools to open."

"We are interested in making every school a good school, not just a select few."

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# Director hopes film is in with a shout at Cannes and Berlin

## Footie comedy puts Gills on movie map



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**OPEN GOAL:** Former EastEnders favourite  
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A COMEDY about a group of travelling Gillingham FC supporters is to be showcased at film festivals around the world.

The *Shouting Men*, which was shot mostly at locations throughout Kent, will this year be screened in Cannes, Berlin and Los Angeles with high hopes it will attract a major distributor. Originally planned to be an ITV1 sitcom series, the comedy was turned into a film when director Matt Daniel-Baker received glowing reviews of the pilot episode's script.

He said: "Football films always do well, whether good or bad, but even though I wrote the script, when we put it together we all found it really funny."

"You can't ask for more than that because normally you know the film so well that you stop laughing at it after a while."

"I'm incredibly confident it will be successful. When you work with a low budget and there are no big stars or expensive special effects, you can't hang your publicity on anything other than it being a great film."

The *Shouting Men*, which features cameo appearances by England legends John Barnes and Peter Beardsley, is about a group of fans who travel to watch Gillingham play Premiership giants Newcastle United in the FA Cup.

However, their trip north goes pear-shaped when they abandon a wheelchair-bound accomplice who then complains about his treatment to the national press.

Filming for the comedy, which also features an appearance by the Medway club's chairman Paul Scally, was completed at Newcastle's St James' Park at the end of last year.

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Other locations included Gillingham's Priestfield Stadium, the University of Greenwich at Chatham and the Inn on the Lake hotel in Gravesend.

Mr Daniel-Baker said: "We had a bit of a disaster when one of our cameras broke and we had to reschedule the filming for later that day, but it actually turned out for the best because we ended up with about 200 extras and it looked a lot better."

"We've finished the edit now and all the footage is locked into place, so it's just the music left to do. We've brought in a composer, Darren Loveday, because we wanted to create an identity for the film rather than use existing tracks."

"The only exception is that we want to use the song Tom Hark, which Gillingham fans will know as the song that is played whenever the team scores a goal."

"Hopefully everything should be finished in about three or four weeks, ready for Cannes in May."

The name of the film comes from the Latin words 'domus clamantium' - meaning 'home of the shouting men' - that once adorned the Gillingham club badge.

Former Lovejoy actor Dudley Sutton and ex-EastEnders Craig Fairbrass are among those with starring roles.



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Police closed the road while the motorcyclist was airlifted to a London hospital after his bike collided with a red Nissan Micra in Whitstable on Thursday.

The driver of the car was taken to the QEQM hospital as a precaution after the incident on Borstal Hill, officers said.

Officers from the force's serious collision investigation unit are conducting inquiries.

## Litter bugs fined

FOUR Thanet residents and a visitor from London have been handed hefty fines for dropping litter or allowing their dogs to foul.

The action was part of Thanet council's Drop It And Cop It scheme.

Roy Kavenagh, of Margate, was fined £250 and £100 costs for allowing his dog to foul and failing to pick up after it in the Rendezvous car park, Margate. Three other cases saw fines of £125 handed out, along with £100 costs. Peter Heard and Joseph Horad, both of Margate, and Albenia Ieiva, from London, were all fined for discarding cigarette ends. In the final case, Barry Lester, of Margate, was fined £50 and ordered to pay £228.74 costs after he allowed his dog to foul on council land and refused to accept the fixed penalty notice.

The offenders also had to pay £15 reparation.

## Jewellery stolen

MORE than £200,000 of jewellery has been stolen from a business in Northgate, Canterbury.

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**Tuck into the fish of the day and help keep a traditional coastal trade afloat**

# Pushing the boat out for the freshest catch

If you time your visit to parts of our coastline just right you can catch a glimpse of a trade which has defined so much of our county.

With the crunch of shingle under foot, the sight of fishing boats being pulled up on to the shore remains an impressive sight.

It is one of a bygone age, of a romantic image of food production in its rawest sense. And as the nets are gathered up and the boxes of fish unloaded, you are reminded just how rich the waters which surround this county are.

From the round fish of bass, red mullet, dog fish and cod in the winter to the flat fish of Dover sole, dabs, plaice and lemon sole in the summer, the harvest is an ever-changing feast of tastes and sensations. And that's before examining the shellfish which has put the likes of Whitstable and its oysters onto the global gourmet map.

Andy Cooke has run Griggs fishmongers in Hythe for the last 10 years. A chef by profession, working at some of the top London restaurants, he moved from the kitchens to the coal face to take over the day-to-day running of a company which has fished the south coast shores for more than 130 years.

His is the classic business a stone's throw from the sea's edge, the fish makes a journey of just yards from boat to shop.

He explains: "If you're lucky enough, you can time it just right so you come here as the fish is being off-loaded from the boats.

"You can, if you want, actually select what you want while the fish are still flapping. It's not always the best solution as fish, like



**TRADITION:** Andy Cooke, right, runs Griggs in Hythe, which has fished along the Kent coastline for more than 100 years

meat, needs to relax slightly and should be left a few hours, but people like the idea of selecting it when it's that fresh."

And, quite frankly, who can blame them.

Kent's coastline is teeming with the life that has sustained local fisherman for years. But it is no easy task and, in recent years, EU fishing quotas have made a tough job even harder. The tight limits on the numbers of fish being caught is both frustrating and hard-hitting on their bottom line.

"It is hard for fisherman to make a living given the quotas," explains Mr Cooke. "We have to look at fishing other varieties of fish, which makes it more interesting. We explain to customers about what else is on offer and we are always happy to advise on how best to cook varieties they have perhaps not tried before."

The impact on fishing families has, at times, been harsh. They still exist but are something of a declining breed. Which is why it is, as an industry, desperate to encourage the folk of Kent to shop local.

Mr Cooke adds: "We have to go back maybe 30 or 40 years to how people used to shop. You always shopped locally, you shopped for freshness and you shopped daily."

"Keeping it local keeps the local economy alive and it's not travelling a million miles. Everyone is aware of food miles."

The scale of the investment too is quite remarkable. Griggs employs around 13 staff, with boats fishing from Hythe, Dungeness, Folkestone and Whitstable. It is a big commitment,



but this is the local economy at a grassroots scale. Every pound invested in its products, filters back into the county's economy. And in this day and age, every penny helps.

"If you have a fine fish like a turbot brought in on the Hythe coast here, why the hell would you import something from around the world?" says Mr Cooke.

One only has to look at the tourism power of a thriving fishing industry to see the other related benefits.

Whitstable's working harbour is a magnet at all times of the year and, driven by the fame of its Native oyster, the town still relies much on the sector.

Deals' coastline would be unrecognisable without the boats which line the coast, and Dungeness remains unique with its mix of windswept landscapes and fishing industry.

A little further down the coast is a fisherman with a relatively new, yet modest fishing boat. As he tends it, it would be easy to under-estimate how much money goes into keeping his business afloat. A conservative estimate puts his investment at a cool £250,000. Little wonder, then, the stakes are so high for our fishing industry to survive these troubled times.



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Author retraces life of passenger who survived world's most famous marine disaster

# Elizabeth's Titanic story

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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A TITANIC survivor's tale will be retold in a book written more than 45 years after her death.

Elizabeth Nye, who grew up in Folkestone, was one of only 706 people to escape with their lives when the infamous

passenger ship hit an iceberg and sank into the freezing cold depths of the Atlantic, on April 14, 1912. More than 1,500 other passengers were not so fortunate.

Fellow Folkestone resident Dave Bryceson was so intrigued to find out more about Mrs Nye that he carried out extensive research into her life to enable him to write her biography.

He said: "I just thought it was amazing that there was someone who lived in my town who had been through such a terrible – yet at the same time fascinating – ordeal.

"It cast a shadow over the remainder of her life and I think that after a while she grew to dislike the tag of 'Titanic survivor', because that's all a lot of people knew about her.

"But what was perhaps the most amazing thing about her was that in 1914 she actually sailed on the Olympic, which was the Titanic's sister ship and looked exactly the same. I think that was very brave of her.

"I now certainly know more about her life than I do my own, which is quite sad really because I would have liked to have known as much about my parents who are both sadly gone now."

Born Elizabeth Ramell, Mrs Nye worked as a seamstress for a local draper's store in Folkestone before immigrating to Canada with her husband in 1907.

She returned to Kent to grieve with her family when he died four years later, and planned to begin her new life in New York in April, 1912.

Unfortunately the coal miners' strike of the same year meant she was unable to



**TRAGEDY:** The Titanic sank with the loss of more than 1,500 lives and (bottom right) how the New York Herald broke the news

travel on her vessel of choice and was instead transferred to the Titanic's maiden voyage.

Mr Bryceson said: "I found out quite a lot about her from Salvation Army records because she was a member, but I needed to find out more about her family life so I wrote to an American magazine appealing for help.

"Unbelievably, within a week I had a letter from Mrs Nye's niece, who by this point was herself very poorly.

"She was able to tell me a great deal and I also had the chance to visit Mrs Nye's old home in the Bronx, which looked almost exactly as it did when she lived there. I also traced some of her grandchildren, who were delighted to help me and were thrilled that I was writing a book about her."

Mrs Nye died in November, 1963.

The biography is the second Titanic-themed book written by Mr Bryceson, who has also penned articles for a number of associated groups.

He said: "I just think the story of the Titanic is fascinating as it embodies all the elements of a popular novel.

"There were heroes and villains, love stories, everything. And what is so great about it was that it all really happened."

Elizabeth Nye – Titanic Survivor is available through Streets Publishers



**LIFE GOES ON:** Elizabeth in 1920 with second husband George Darby and son Raymond

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**SEAFARER:** Elizabeth Ramell in lifeboat during a children's tableaux presentation – she in middle of the standing row



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## TV magician Ali Bongo dies at 79

COMIC magician Ali Bongo, who went to school in Kent, has died aged 79.

Known for his over-the-top turbans and curled golden shoes, Bongo had been a popular figure on television screens since the early 1970s and was last year elected president of the Magic Circle.

Born William Wallace to British parents in Bangalore, India, in 1929, Bongo arrived in England in his teens and attended public school at Sutton Valence, near Maidstone.

He made his name on the children's television programme Zokko and also acted as a magic advisor for such shows as Doctor Who and the Tomorrow People.

The character of magician-detective Adam Klaus in the hit BBC series Jonathan Creek – which stars former Kent University student Alan Davies – is also based on Ali Bongo.

## High-speed DVD

A DVD highlighting the dangers of trespassing on the high-speed railway lines has been produced by the police and Network Rail.

Schools and youth groups across Kent will be shown the film. Trains such as Eurostar can reach speeds of 186mph. At that rate a train travels at 80 metres a second and take at least one minute to stop. More frequent trains will be travelling at high speeds when the Hitachi 395 commuter trains begin service from Ashford later this year.

The film highlights how dangerous the trains can be. They are quiet, create a lot of turbulence and can bear down in a second. British Transport Police say trespassing can result in a criminal record, but the biggest deterrent should be the potential loss of life.

## Tragedy on track

A MAN aged 56 was killed on Monday when he was hit by a train at Smeeth.

Police were alerted shortly after 2pm following the incident in which the man was hit by the 12.57pm Ramsgate to Ashford service.

The death is not being treated as suspicious. The line between Westenhanger and Ashford was closed while British Transport Police attended the scene with paramedics.

A coroner's report is being prepared.

# EU vitamin directive a bitter pill for shops

By JENNA PUDELEK

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CONCERNS are growing among health food store owners as a European Union directive threatens to sweep vitamin and mineral supplements from their shelves.

The European Commission is set to decide the maximum dose levels available to consumers as part of plans to homogenise the sale of supplements across member states.

Local retailers are backing a campaign – called Save Our Supplements – in a bid to keep selling the products currently available in Kent stores.

Juliet Brazil, owner of Herbs, Gardens and Health in St Peter's, Broadstairs, said: "We do not take a fortune here. We have to keep selling them and have people keep taking them to survive. If this goes ahead there will be gaps on our shelves."

She said popular supplements such as vitamin C, which is used to help against colds, and vitamin B6, which is commonly taken for PMS (premenstrual syndrome) symptoms, could soon only be available in much smaller doses. At the moment vitamin C is taken in 1,000mg tablets and B6 in 100mg. In countries such as France B6 is only available in 10mg capsules, meaning people in the UK would have to take 10 tablets daily to get the same dose.

Mrs Brazil said she feared that people would switch to remedies from the chemist, such as paracetamol, which she said were more harmful than supplements.

National campaign group Consumers for Health Choice estimates there are about 21 million supplement users in the UK.

Sue Croft, one of the group's directors, has been fighting against the dose limits since 1996. She said: "This time it is critical – it is the end game. Europe is trying to dictate what dose levels they will allow us to have in our supplements."

The European Commission's decision was due to be made last year, but has been postponed to at least July. Mrs Croft said this was due to the European elections in June and "anx-



**HARD TO STOMACH:** Harmonisation of vitamin and supplement doses across the European Union will be damaging for UK health food stores, owners claim

iety" over the decision and how voters will react.

"The regulations are actually just about homogenising the market across Europe," she said. "All member states will have the same thing, the same doses and the same product. The commission has a one-size-fits-all rule, but this is a stupid argument when you look at the different diets across Europe."

"They are so varied. Think of the diet in Italy, of the beautiful warm climate and fresh olive oil, and compare that with Glasgow and deep-fried Mars bars."

She added: "Across Europe countries are doing what is right for them. We have always had this liberal attitude to supplements. They are regulated through food law, which makes them as safe as a loaf of bread."

Kent MPs have received many letters from concerned vitamin and mineral supplement consumers.

Roger Gale, the Conservative MP for North Thanet, said he had asked Prime Minister Gordon Brown to personally intervene and take the matter up with the president of the European Commission before the "pernicious" regulations damaged consumer health and put small businesses in jeopardy.

Hugh Robertson, the Tory MP for Faversham and Mid Kent and shadow minister for sports and the Olympics, said: "I am absolutely amazed, in the current economic climate, that the EU does not have something more relevant to do with its time."

"Vitamin and mineral supplements are a valuable part of health-care for many people and should be left well alone by EU bureaucrats. I want the Government to take this up directly with the Commission before it is too late."

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# Surviving threat of Mount



In the third of his reports from war-torn Afghanistan, **NICK AMES** joins a patrol from the Folkestone-based 2nd Gurkha Rifles in Helmand Province. Their home, Patrol Base Woqab in Helmand Province, is surrounded by unexploded mines and shells and they are under constant surveillance from Taliban spotters from the mountain known as Mount Doom...



**T**HE Gurkhas whose home is remote Patrol Base Woqab live in the shadow of what is known locally as 'Mount Doom'. A former base of the Soviet Army during its ill-fated foray into Afghanistan during the late 1970s and 80s, it is littered with unexploded mines, bombs and shells.

Clearing the area would be a "massive undertaking" according to British Army sources and would require helicopters to airlift troops to the summit.

So currently it is left alone, but occasionally

Taliban spotters will survey the base and the soldiers from its foothills and surrounding upland.

I join a patrol setting out from the District Centre in Musa Q'elah bound for Woqab via the Satellite Station North outpost.

The troops were equipped with Mastiff fighting vehicles and were escorting a convoy of unarmoured trucks containing members of the Afghan National Army and supplies for the patrol base – including a prefabricated pair of toilets and their cubicles.

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# Doom with game of darts

## Brave act that couldn't save Gurkha colleague from insurgent bullet

THE Folkestone-based Gurkhas lost a man last year in a well publicised action. Rifleman Yubraj Rai died after being hit by Taliban fire during an engagement.

Lance Corporal Gajendra Rai of the Second Battalion of the Royal Gurkha Rifles was one of the men who managed to pull him from the firefight – only for the wounded man to die hours later.

Together with Rifleman Dhan Gurung he heroically ran into the face

of the enemy fire during the battle in November, last year. To commemorate the soldier, one of the most dangerous patrol bases in Afghanistan bears his name – PB Yubraj.

L Cpl Gajendra said: "On that day we were crossing open ground when the enemy opened fire. We didn't know where it was coming from and never found out who fired at us. When you are contacted in the open everyone lays down and takes cover.

"Myself and the section and platoon

commanders made it to a safe point under cover. We continued firing on what we thought was the likely direction the enemy was firing from.

"My colleague Rfn Dhan Gurung and Rfn Yubraj Rai were still laying in the open ground. They tried to run to the safe position, but when Yubraj stood up he was hit by the enemy rounds.

"When I saw Yubraj go down I said, 'there's a casualty in open ground' then I grabbed my guys and said we had to go to get Yubraj. So I ran to him

and Rfn Dhan and myself who was still there started to drag him to safety. As we were doing so, rounds were coming down all around us.

"Once we had extracted him Yubraj was already unconscious. We got him to a compound and waited there for about 30 minutes until the medics could get to us safely.

"Yubraj woke up and asked for morphine two or three times before he lapsed into unconsciousness again.

"People said to me that I had been

given a second life as the bullets were raining down on me and Rfn Dhan when we went to extract Yubraj. To be honest, I did not think about my life at the time. I only thought about getting my fellow Gurkha out of there.

"Three or four hours after he was taken by the medics he was dead. We all felt devastated at the news.

"It was a big shock to everyone when we found out we had lost him.

"Whatever happens to me, I will never forget that day" he said.

but its commander was keen to get moving as soon as possible – the vulnerable Afghan vehicles being his primary concern.

The last few hundred metres to the station were accompanied without incident after the order to move was given.

But it was now getting dark and the feeling was the patrol would take shelter for the night.

However, it seemed the toilets couldn't wait and news came that the heavy lorry containing them would be moving out in the dark – escorted by Gurkha soldiers on foot.

I was positioned somewhere in the middle of the troops as they moved out in a stretched single column. Each man – or woman – stays roughly 10 yards from a colleague so any improvised explosive devices (IEDs) will only hit one person if set off.

The moon was non-existent and the troops did not use night vision goggles or lights to avoid giving away their presence.

Keeping in touch with the person in front visually was a challenge as ditches were jumped and the outside of mud compounds passed – all to a soundtrack of barking dogs.

At one point a major area for IEDs was negotiated as the patrol picked its way past other obstacles – human waste deposited from the buildings into the street.

Pauses of up to five minutes were taken as the patrol froze while mine detectors cleared the way ahead.

### Strategic

A successful arrival at Woqab after the trek bought relief to all and the chance of a night's sleep.

Life in the camp – which is divided into two compounds separated by a small river – revolves around the patrols and sentry duty with darts, chess and weight training the only real amusements.

Gurkha Captain Gajendra Angdembe said: "Conditions when we got here were even more basic than they are now. One of the things we built was a well, and a shower stall is next.

"This is a very forward area, so of great strategic importance. One thing we do is make sure we eat well.

"Families will send Nepali food from shops in London and we can add these to rations to make a good cook up."

Rifleman Bahadur Gurung, who had just come off rest and recuperation in Nepal, was a popular member of the base garrison having bought back a stringed instrument known as a sarangi.

All the soldiers from his tent joined in enthusiastic folk songs which they said reminded them of home.

"This is a good way of passing the time and I know quite a few songs," he said.

Following a successful day patrol, 'happy hour' drew close. This is the most common time for Taliban attacks.

On the roof of the patrol base troops were on the lookout and saw one insurgent spotter who they knew of old, move into position.

No warning shot was fired and he left of his own accord – a quiet evening at Woqab, a base which comes under fire extremely frequently, but is also home to Nepali folk music.



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# Kentish Saturday Observer

COMMENT

## Finally, justice for hero's family

THE decision to allow a Gurkha hero's family to remain in the UK is one that should have never been in doubt.

In fighting and dying for this country, Colour Sergeant Krishna Dura earned the right to British citizenship for his wife and two children. Threatening to deport a war hero's family to Nepal – a country where his daughters have never actually lived – is no way to repay his supreme sacrifice.

True to form, the Home Office took its time before deciding C/Sgt Dura's family could stay, but at least the right decision was reached in the end.

Next week we should know if the same can be said about the Government's immigration policy for Gurkhas who retired before 1997. Only those who retired after that date are permitted to stay, a rule that has angered the Gurkhas' many friends and admirers.

Here's hoping they receive the news they have long campaigned for and that all Gurkha soldiers are given the citizenship they deserve.

## Comrade Norwood

MELITA Norwood's tale of deception just goes to show that you never know what goes on behind closed doors.

Who would have believed a seemingly-harmless 87-year-old could have played such a pivotal role in the Soviet Union's atomic bomb programme? Not even her friend of two years David Burke had a clue, which makes his book on her life all the more fascinating.

## OPINION:

## No truck with danger

### Empathy and understanding behind the wheel can help ensure all Kent's road users stay safe, says Terry Hudson



THE M20 has a bad accident record, with a high percentage of crashes involve foreign trucks.

In law, the onus is on the driver of the vehicle changing lanes to make sure it is safe to do so. But being in the right is no consolation when your car is being crushed against the guard rail – especially if a few preventative measures could help avoid such incidents.

The Port of Dover and Channel Tunnel handle about 3.5 million truck movements a year. Most of these will use the M20, with many being left-hand-drive vehicles. This makes for a busy motorway and the stretch past Maidstone is very congested, with many slip roads and more opportunities for things to go badly wrong.

It has been suggested trucks should be confined to the inside lane. But you would end up with a continuous line of slow-moving trucks, making it extremely dangerous to get on or off the motorway. But could some of these M20 accidents be avoidable?

Because of EU legislation, HGVs are governed to 90kph/56mph, which causes the dangerous 'bunching' which makes life so difficult for other drivers. It is usually easy to spot a left-hand-drive truck, (so requiring extra caution) by observing the signwriting on the truck, or its number plate.

If you can't see the truck's mirrors, then the driver can't see

you. So coming up close behind and suddenly changing lane, or racing down a slip road and pulling out straight into the middle lane in one move, means there is a very good chance of them not seeing you – and every possibility of the truck pulling into the space you have 'reserved' for yourself.

Drive for a few moments in the lane you are going to use to overtake the truck, so giving the driver time to become aware of your presence and for you to be sure it is safe to start your manoeuvre.

If possible, always try to overtake a truck in one go. If you are in a line of cars that are overtaking, hang back until the car ahead of you has completed their move and is in front of the truck, with enough space behind them to allow you to pass the truck in one move. Do not drive alongside in a potential blind spot, waiting for other cars to give you enough room to complete your manoeuvre. Sometimes this is not always possible, but the nearer to the cab of the truck you are, the more danger you are in, because the

driver might not see you in their mirror. So, if you have to, always drive more towards the rear of the truck than the front. Plus it will be easier to escape from of any situation that might arise.

If it is raining, the trucker is looking into a rain-soaked mirror, combined with all the spray, so if visibility is poor, use dipped headlights. Remember, if it is a left-hand-drive vehicle, the trucker cannot wind the window down to clear rain from their mirror.

So why does a truck 'suddenly' change lanes? If they are travelling in a bunched convoy, is one truck gaining on another, or a slower vehicle? Look out for this, for they may well pull out. Try to anticipate what could happen.

Are they passing a slip road? If so, is another vehicle trying to join the motorway? The trucker might be forced to pull out into the middle lane. Remember, HGVs cannot accelerate like a car to get up to speed to help them filter into the traffic already on the motorway.

When overtaking in the middle lane, keep an eye on traffic in the

outside lane, so you can see if it would be safe to change lanes quickly – after looking – if forced to do so. If conditions dictate you have to slow right down or come to a halt, a couple of dabs on the pedal to flash your brake lights to get the attention of other drivers is always worthwhile.

If it all goes wrong, do not just slam your brakes on. Does the person behind you have enough room to stop? Slow down using as much space as possible, to give other drivers the chance to stop.

As with all driving, if the road is busy, pay more attention, do not put yourself in a vulnerable position, keep your distance, make your intentions clear.

Drive in a position where others can see you and do not make sudden changes of direction. Use your indicators, give others time to react. We can all make mistakes, so be prepared for such situations and don't lose your temper. Anger does not make you a better driver.

• **Terry Hudson is a member of the Association of British Drivers.**

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## Hats off – and oven on

My daughter works for a local distributor and she tells me stories of how food travels all the way to Lincolnshire to come back to a distribution house in Kent before going on the shelves as supposedly fresh local produce.

I think your Food for Kent website and campaign will change the way people buy local produce – and hats off to you for bringing it to our attention.

If my daughter didn't work in that field I would never know.

I ordered from your service myself this week and am looking forward to sampling some real fresh local produce.

*H McAndrew, Canterbury*

## CCTV inquest report unfair and unbalanced

I must protest at the inaccuracies and lack of balance in your March 8 edition Comment: 'Death Shows Case of Turning a Blind Eye' and report 'Man's death live on CCTV but inquest rules death by misadventure' on the sad death of Eric Hughes in Ashford on November 9, 2007.

Your reporting was unbalanced and did not reflect the totality of the evidence: the death by misadventure of a 54 year-old chronic alcoholic with some mental health difficulties who chose to live rough and with friends, and who had turned down accommodation offered to him by the authorities. The council had no duty to find him accommodation.

You claimed that CCTV operators "watched a homeless man die in toilets in Ashford" despite the evidence before the inquest that, although a CCTV camera was trained on his location for the majority of the night in question, this was not due to any concerns for his health (he had been seen sleeping rough in worse weather) but to check he was not at risk from other people. The camera was not

## Farm fresh and fantastic

For many years I have been going to my local supermarket and seeking out its local produce and quite often am disappointed that it doesn't seem much better than the store's normal offerings.

My husband and I were so excited when we read about your Food for Kent campaign and were surprised at how much choice there was on the website – and even more surprised at the great value on offer.

The site was simple and easy to use and the goods turned up on time. You can really taste the difference between local produce that has come straight from farms via your foodforkent.co.uk website and some of the supermarket local produce

that has gone via the north of England to be packaged and come back to Kent not as fresh as when it left. The scallops, which I believe come from Griggs at Hythe via our own shoreline, were fresh and the best I can ever remember tasting.

Congratulations KOS Media on your campaign and I urge other people in Kent to try this new service and support local traders.

It has clearly got to be better for you to eat food that has not travelled around the country – sometimes twice – and I have to say it is a misconception that it is expensive. I can't wait to make my order for next week.

*A Crawley, Ashford*

(as you suggested) continuously monitored by staff who were also monitoring another 88 cameras and had many other tasks that night. He did not die inside, but on a bench outside, the toilets.

The inquest jury, who spent many hours considering detailed evidence, found unanimously that his death was the result of misadventure: hypothermia complicated by his alcoholic condition.

The suggestion in your headline 'Man's death live on CCTV but inquest rules death by misadventure' that the jury was wrong is an insult to the jury, the coroner and the dedicated CCTV operators, and you and your newspaper owe them and the council's staff

an apology for your unfair reporting.

*Ian Kirkland  
Director of Community Engagement  
Ashford Borough Council*

## The straight dope on cannabis court case

Your report from Kingston Crown Court on the conviction of drug traffickers said more than three tonnes of cannabis was seized.

You don't, however, report what happened to that large amount of cannabis.

What should happen is a small sample

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should be retained as evidence. The bulk should be destroyed immediately.

It is not necessary to keep the entire seized amount in expensive storage, as has happened in some cases. It has been known for amounts of seized drugs to develop 'shrinkage' while being held as evidence in trials in the past. Is there an audited statement to the court that all cannabis seized has been destroyed? If not, why not?

*Duncan Johnson, Sevenoaks*

## Double standards in Israel arguments

Of course it is terrible for Israeli civilians to live in constant fear of Hamas rocket attacks from Gaza.

The loss of all human life in this conflict, be it Israeli or Palestinian, is tragic. However, I doubt Michelle Moshelien would be so quick to criticise Israel if the boot were on the other foot. (Letters, Stop the Gaza rockets, last week).

If Palestine was a country whose government, through military force, flagrantly stole Israeli land and built illegal settlements upon it, wouldn't Ms Moshelien want to fight for her land snatched feloniously by this fascist invader?

Should the Palestinians today just passively accept decades of theft and occupation without resistance? Israel's Zionist occupational government has never attempted to conceal its desire to appropriate every square inch of Palestinian territory.

*Clive Wilkins-Oppler, Canterbury*

## Bullet-proof bankers

I think we know Sir Fred Goodwin is not likely anytime soon to return any of his ill-gotten pension, therefore, should Labour's

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Asim and Jill of Canterbury are proud to announce the birth of their son, Zane Asim, on 26th February 2009.

**BARNES**  
Eloise Grace born on 27th February 2009, weighing 6lb 7oz. Daughter to Ruth and Matthew in Broadstairs. You are the miracle who we will love and treasure forever.

**BERTOL**  
Oliver born on 25th February 2009, weighing 8lb 2oz. Son to Melanie and Dario Bertol in Aylesford.

**BOARDMAN**  
Scott and Sarah of Margate celebrate the birth of their most beautiful and precious son Bobby John on 2nd March 2009.

**BRONWAY-BRETT**  
Neville and Eleanor of Canterbury are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Oscar Robert Frank, on 29th January 2009. A new brother for Imogen.

**BROWN**  
Jason and Mandy are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Tegan Davida on 27th February 2009 at Pembury Hospital weighing 6lb. A lovely sister for brothers Christian and Conner.

**BURTON**  
Callum and Megan would like to welcome their baby brother Alfie Richard Burton born on 28th February weighing 6lb 13oz.

**CHENERY**  
Harvey Jack born on 27th February 2009, weighing 6lbs 15oz. Son to Christine Chenery in Dover.

**COOPER**  
To Kevin and Ashleigh of Herne Bay, a beautiful daughter, Isla Eve, born on 21st February 2009 at 7.35pm weighing 7lb 1oz.

## DOWLING

Danny-Lee Joseph born on 5th March 2009, weighing 9lb 9oz. Son to Emma in Ramsgate. Little brother for Drew-Anne. Our special little angel.

## FIELD

Lisa and Andrew are delighted to announce the birth of their son Kaden George Benjamin. He was born on 20 February 2009 weighing 7lbs 5oz. A new baby brother for Kayleigh.

## GILES

Welcome to Freddie Lee Giles, born on 13th February 2009 at the William Harvey Hospital weighing 7lb 14oz. A son to Graham and Danyel and a brother for Hollie.

## GILL

Callum John born on 6th March 2009, weighing 8lbs 3oz. Son to Paul and Amanda in Ramsgate. Little brother for Leon Bailey.

## GOSSLING

Brian and Michelle of Faversham are delighted and very proud to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter, Mia Kathryn, born on 3rd March 2009 weighing 8lb.

## GRAY

Jack Benjamin David born on 27th February 2009 weighing 8lb 11oz, to proud parents Jason and Deborah and brother to Caitlin.

## GRAY

Ava Elizabeth born on 27th February 2009 at the William Harvey Hospital, weighing 7lb 14oz. Daughter to Simon and Emma Gray and sister for George.

## HAWKES

Scott and Ruth of Canterbury are proud to announce the birth of their beautiful son, Sean Henry Hawkes, on 24th February 2009 at 17.39. A new baby brother for Tom and Amy.

## HOLMES

David and Kimberley of Tunbridge Wells are proud to announce the birth of their first daughter Lily Kathleen on 25th February 2009 weighing 7lb 7oz. A grand-daughter for Linda, Roger, Helen and John.

## JEYNES

Mellisa and Martyn celebrate the birth of their son Kieran Daniel Jeaynes on 23rd February 2009.

## LAWRENCE

Joshua born on 1st March 2009, weighing 7lbs 4oz. Brother to Bethany and Freya.

## LEWIS

Helen and Scott are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Eleanor Sophia Lewis on 2nd March 2009.

## MACKIE

Saralouise and Martin of Margate are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful twin girls, Erin Rose and Ava May, born on 12 February 2009 at QEQM. Mummy and Daddys special little angels.

## MARKE

Jayne and Robin of Ramsgate celebrate the birth of their son Samuel John Marks on 4th March 2009.

## MARTIN-McGILL

Paul and Vicky of Ramsgate celebrate the birth of their precious daughter Amelia on 24th February 2009. You are the miracle who we will love and treasure forever.

## PRATT

Oliver Henry born on 12th February 2009 weighing 8lb 8oz to Catherine and David Pratt

## RUSSELL

Antony and TJ Russell of Gravesend celebrate the birth of their son Maximilian Alexander Russell born on 26th February 2009.

## SARGEANT

Martin and Carolyn are delighted to announce the birth of their son Peter Edward on 21st February 2009 weighing 8lb 9oz.

## SMITH

Nick and Jen of Pembury are delighted to announce the birth of their son Jack Anthony Smith born 3rd March 2009 weighing 8lb 3oz.

## TOMLIN

Gary and Tammy would like to celebrate the birth of their baby son Oliver Paul Michael Tomlin born on 3rd March 2009 weighing 7lb 4oz at Darent Valley Hospital. Lots of love Mummy and Daddy x x.

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Angel Ruby, born on 1st March 2009. Daughter to James and Kelly.

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Kit and Sancha of Tonbridge celebrate the birth of their son Harvey Max on 9th February 2009 weighing 8lb 12oz.

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Francesca is delighted to announce the birth of her daughter Tiffany George on 18th February 2009 weighing 7lb 14oz.

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Darren and Joe of Ramsgate celebrate the birth of their son Jack James Wiltshire on 1st March 2009. Welcome little brother for Jamie and Chloe.

## WOODCOCK

Elizabeth and David of Dover celebrate the birth of their son Tristan Xavier Woodcock on 3rd February 2009. Brother to Achilles and Angel.

## DEATHS

### ADAMS

Gwendoline May Adams of Canterbury passed away peacefully on 4th March 2009 aged 82 years. Reunited with her late husband Jock and son John. A much loved mother in law, grandma and auntie who will be deeply missed. The funeral will take place at Barham on March 20th at 3.20pm.

### BEAUFORT

Robert (Charles Robert) Beaufort of Herne Bay passed away peacefully on 8th March 2009 after a hard fight against lung cancer. So very much loved and will be missed more than words can say. Forever in our thoughts and our love always. Jacqueline, family and friends.

### BURDGE

Ronald Arthur Burdge of Chestfield, formerly of Sturry, passed away peacefully after a short illness on 1st March 2009 aged 80 years. Father of Sharon and Linda. The funeral will be held at Barham on 20th March at 2.40.

### COTTON

Alan Cotton of Folkestone passed away peacefully after a long illness on 7th March 2009. Will be dearly missed. There is an open gate at the end of the road, through which each must go alone, and there, in a light we cannot see you will remain close to us. Your loving wife, Rosina and daughters Tricia and Isabell.

## DAVIS

Peter Wallis Davis of Dover died peacefully on 7th March 2009. Funeral service at Beacon Church Dover at 11.30am on 20th March 2009. Enquiries to Farriers of Dover.

### McGURRAN

Frank McGurran aged 92 years passed away peacefully on the 3rd of March 2009. Much loved Father, Grandfather and Great Grandfather.

### WARD

Charles Harry Ward of Blean passed away peacefully on 3rd March 2009 aged 95 years. A loving companion to Rene and much loved dad, grandad and great grandad who will be very sadly missed. The funeral is to be held at Thanet Crematorium on Monday 16th March at 12.00. Family flowers only, but if desired, donations to Pilgrims Hospice Canterbury c/o C W Lyons of Whitstable 01227 272375.

### WICKS

Bert (Albert Ernest) Wicks of Canterbury passed away peacefully at Kent and Canterbury Hospital, after a short illness, on 4th March 2009 aged 89 years. Reunited with his beloved Doris. A much loved dad, gramps and great gramps who will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral enquiries to C W Lyons of Canterbury 01227 463508.

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deputy leader Harriet Harman not shut up about ways her inept Government is exploring to claw some of this money back? Maybe if the clubs Sir Fred and his ilk are members of decided his patronage was no longer desired, he may think twice about what all his money will buy him.

Maybe if all the preferential treatment from fawning organisations, keen to be associated with this failed banker, withdrew their overblown favours, he might see a little of what the decent, hardworking and moral people who form most of our society have to deal with daily.

The man appears bullet-proof, but maybe small actions such as the above would knock some of the smugness out of him.

Anyone who judges another by the size of their income deserves nothing less than everyone's disgust, not reward.

Ensuring no more of these indecent payments happen might prevent more Sir Fred Goodwins ever casting a shadow over this once great country again.

*S Burns, Rochester*

## Scottish freeloaders

Each citizen of Scotland receives more than £1,600 in excess of what we do in England. It seems our 'rate' support grant in the south is reduced so Scots and those in northern England can receive more.

There is no justification for this state of affairs. Scots I meet tell me they don't want independence but vote Nationalist as a way of blackmailing Scottish Labour to pour yet more money into Scotland.

The Nationalists enable Labour to rob southern taxpayers on the basis that Labour wants to keep the Union and its 150-plus Scottish MPs who give them a majority at Westminster. Scottish banks have contributed to the huge debt we as individuals now have – thanks to the Government bailout of those organisations facing bankruptcy.

It is time we in England demanded our rights – that only English MPs deal with English matters (the Scots forced student

fees on England, but not in Scotland). Scottish MPs gave Labour a vote for the war in Iraq, an enormous waste of money which could be better spent in this country. We need to have English MPs in Parliament spending two days on English affairs without interference by Welsh, Scots or Ulster MPs: all of whom have their own assemblies.

Failing that, abolish Westminster and let's have an English parliament and have our regional parliaments/assemblies responsible to Europe direct. After all, 80 per cent of our legislation already comes from Europe. Why do we waste so much money on allowing a Scottish dictatorship via Westminster? If you have a view, phone or write to your local MP and ask for his opinions.

*ID Armstrong, Meopham*

## Familiar look to news

In reply to your story and DW Hank of Tenterden's letter (KOS Media, March 1), I feel sure there are hundreds of viewers who are very disappointed with the new ITV Meridian South East news.

Take my advice and switch to BBC One's Newsroom South East and be reunited with Geoff Clark and fellow newsreaders. You will at least be familiar with the areas they are reporting on.

*MA Monk, Rochester*

## Eden in a chalkpit

KOS Media's local produce campaign is food for thought, aiming to boost the county's economy and combat the recession.

And the restoration of a scheduled Eurostar service from Ashford International to Brussels in further good news.

Nobody knows what the future holds: rising unemployment, worries over utility bills, higher council tax, mortgage repossession. So how can we turn around the recession?

Firstly, we must build a platform using all the skills available, using natural resources to provide food and energy at affordable prices. Locally, we have a unique opportunity in tourism, thousands of jobs could be created with a second Eden Project in the huge chalk

pit opposite Bluewater. The excellent Thanet Earth project at Birchington, growing vegetables in huge greenhouses, is testimony to what can be achieved using solar power and recycled water. At present, plans have been passed to build homes, shops and warehousing facilities – but who will be able to afford a mortgage or pay rent?

Surely jobs must take priority. More than 27 million people visited Bluewater in 2008, so this added attraction, coupled with hotels, shops, restaurants, cycle paths, picnic and play areas would rejuvenate the whole area.

The excellent fast-track and Eurostar links should be taken a step further. Link Manston airport – an underused facility – to Ashford International. Plans can be changed and I hope a rethink will inspire our councils to achieve the full potential of this project.

*Graham J Hughes, Hartley*

## The scapegoat express

While I recognise the intent of both KCC and local councils may be to obtain further Government funding in respect of the national bus pass for the over-60s, they are merely promoting anti-pensioner attitudes by blaming any proposed council tax increases on these passes.

Bus passes for 11 to 16-year-olds were recently introduced at a cost of only £50 for unlimited travel at any time on any day within the county. Presumably the travel costs in excess of the £1 a week paid by the card holders is quietly met by the taxpayer without complaint or comment.

Likewise, one queries the method by which the local authorities pay bus companies as in Kent national pass holders do not have to state a destination and all receive a bus ticket stating 'concession free' regardless of whether they travel just one stop or 20 miles.

In most other regions one has to state a destination and that is printed on the ticket, with tickets inspected regularly.

Like the bankers, KCC and our council executives have recently appeared in the media defending the high salaries and bonuses they award themselves for having to increase council tax every year without fail.

Perhaps they believe we do not know about

public money they invested having been lost to Icelandic banks. Or even did not notice, as in Tonbridge and Malling, that when all the housing stock was sold to a housing association it was not just the houses but the entire estates which were sold, making considerable savings to council tax funds.

Yet no reduction was made to council tax bills. So, please, do not blame already hard-hit pensioners for deficits in your budget, just put your own house in order.

*Wendy Bullion, Tonbridge*

## Reaping their rewards

When executives are recruited to KCC, terms are negotiated covering salary and benefits to be paid in exchange for the executive performing detailed tasks. These conditions are normally generous to ensure, as KCC would advise, they are sufficiently competitive to attract high calibre persons.

KCC is reputed to be among the highest payers. Benefits frequently include a golden hello, moving allowance and substantial pension enhancement, together with the usual private health insurance, car, etc.

Hopefully, these officers then achieve the results expected in return for generous rewards. Why do we then have to make additional incentive payments? Do we not trust these already highly rewarded officers to perform to the best of their ability?

Banks function pretty much along similar lines, but in their case they are responsible to their shareholders. Perhaps the increasing number of job losses, including top levels of management, will ensure KCC offers lower levels of reward to future recruits. They will still be competitive.

*BJ Ingledew, Tonbridge*

## Safety our only agenda

I would like to invite Mr Granger (Letters, March 8) to our office so we can explain the valuable contribution safety cameras are making towards casualty reduction in Kent and Medway. They are one tool in the overall



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effort of KCC, Kent Police and other partners in reducing the number of people killed or injured in our county.

Fixed yellow cameras are placed where there have been three or more people killed or seriously injured in a one kilometre stretch in the three years before the camera went in. Mobile sites are where one or more person has been killed or seriously injured.

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There are no repeater signs in a 30mph limit, however, we put up extra black and white camera signs at these locations alongside speed limit indicators to make sure motorists know what the limit is.

There is a 10 per cent plus 2mph threshold on our cameras. None of these are required by law, however we have put these measures in place to give people as much warning as possible of the camera sites so they don't get a ticket.

The partnership is led by KCC. Money from speeding tickets goes straight to central government, so it does not matter to us whether we issue one ticket a year or a million. We don't want your money, we want you to slow down.

*Katherine Barrett  
Kent and Medway Safety Camera  
Partnership, Maidstone*

## View from the saddle

The Government is proposing a maximum 50mph limit on rural roads. So what do they mean exactly by rural roads?

If we consider any road which is shared by motorists, cyclists, horses, and sometimes pedestrians (where there is no footway), then even 50mph is too fast.

If – as they do in Denmark, Holland Germany, Switzerland, etc – they provide alternative ways away from these roads, and restrict cyclists etc, from them; then, as far as the more vulnerable users are concerned, vehicles can travel at 50 or 60mph.

However, we have many local black spots on A roads which have high crash figures and sections of them have already had 50 and 40mph limits imposed. The irony is there are often narrow C roads leading off them which are derestricted up to 60mph. Many are narrow, winding, undulating and hedge-lined. Some are used as rat-runs.

There are quite large parcels of countryside in the South East that are bounded by A roads that could happily have a blanket restriction of say 30mph. Unfortunately many local speed restrictions defy all logic. DfT figures suggest that nearly 70 per cent of traffic casualties occur on rural roads.

I once went to an exhibition of police photography in London and one picture astonished me. It was of a car with a broken windscreen – with the body of a fully grown horse inside the car.

As cyclists, we do find that (generally) most motorists are more polite towards cyclists in a rural environment than in an urban one. But they do not always respect the vulnerability of cyclists in the same way as they would a horse. Consideration and mutual respect go a long way to creating a safer environment for all.

*Ted Prangnell, Ashford*

## Kick-starting summer

Congratulations to Dave Kinnear of Margate Town Partnership and everyone involved for all the hard work they put into the quad bike event on Margate beach.

It was excellent to see so many people watching and the event should kick-start hopes for the summer season.

*Cllr Iris Johnston and  
Cllr John Watkins, Margate*

## Banking on prejudice

It is unfortunate that Mr Vince (Letters, last week) has chosen to indulge his prejudices again by blaming the Labour government

for Conservative-run councils' investments in Iceland. There was no directive from Government that councils should deposit funds in Icelandic banks. Government advice was that local councils should have used funds sensibly, looking for the best rate of interest balanced against the best level of security, given that they were using public money. The advice also suggested that councils should spread any risk by placing funds with different banks. Not every council was caught out by the Icelandic banking crisis. Some councils pulled their funds out early last year before the crisis hit.

*Cllr Mike Eddy,  
Labour group leader, KCC*

## I'm keeping EU posted

The news is filled with stories about the financial problems of the Post Office, but none of the old party politicians are saying what has caused this.

It is all down to European Union directives 97/67/EC and 2002/38/EC which forced the break-up of Royal Mail. These opened up what was a sensible monopoly to commercial competition, which might sound reasonable.

However, the result has been these companies have concentrated their business on the highly profitable areas of the major cities but they are not subject to the Post Office's legal requirement to deliver mail to every address in the UK at the same price. In effect, the income from these profitable inner cities was what helped Royal Mail to run a cost-efficient business. Now we have post offices being closed down and, we are told, the post office has some financial trouble. The solution seems to be to sell part of it to a foreign company. If it wasn't so disgusting it would be laughable.

Of course, the answer is to leave the anti-democratic EU, but in the immediate future we must make sure that the Lisbon constitutional treaty is not ratified and the only democratic party with this primary aim is the UK Independence Party.

*Bill Jenner, chairman, Ukip, Bexley*

## The same old excuses

The whole country and much of the world is going to hell in a handcart, hundreds of thousands have lost their jobs, homes, savings and pensions; we've probably yet to see more closures and job losses – and still some people think they are worth even more (Opinion, last week).

Failed banks think they are worth the bonuses that could have saved thousands of jobs and now we have Derek Smith pleading a special case for council workers. Which part of Depression don't they understand? Always the same old excuses: "We have to pay to get the right staff". Like those who lost millions in Icelandic banks? Don't they know millions are looking for work? The people who struggle to pay council workers' wages have to live in the real world.

*Phil Granger, West Malling*

## Lacking in leadership

Green campaigners live in the vanishing hope that the Government might actually make the correct decisions regarding Kingsnorth.

That is, no more new coal-fired power stations and any money spent on carbon capture and storage schemes should be used to retrofit existing stations. (Anger at Kingsnorth delay, KOS Media, March 6).

Unfortunately, experience shows that this Government is unlikely to make such a sensible decision. From the comments made to your reporter, it appears unlikely that the Conservative Party will take environmental issues seriously enough to do so either.

Prevention is always better than cure. Instead of building coal-fired power stations and then trying to clean up their emissions, the Government should be giving its backing to the expansion of energy efficiency and renewable energy. This is good for energy security – sun, wind, wave and tides do not need to be imported from abroad – we have

all of them in abundance. When will this Government – and the Conservative Party – wake up and realise we can meet all our energy needs from a mix of renewables? All it needs is political willpower and leadership – both currently in short supply.

*Dr Hazel Dawe, Kent Green Party*

## Third-party guidance

European Parliamentary elections are fast approaching. Some local groups and organisations will want to get involved and we welcome people engaging in this way.

Your readers should be aware that if they plan to campaign for or against a political party, policy or candidate, without themselves being a candidate or fielding a candidate, this makes them what is known as a 'third party'.

There are rules about what a third party can do, particularly how much money can be spent on such work during the pre-election period, which began on February 5, and ends on

polling day, June 4. Those planning to spend more than £10,000 in England will need to register with the Electoral Commission. We've published guidance, including how much more can be spent once registered and where donations to help campaigning can be accepted from. To find out more, contact the Electoral Commission for advice or read our guidance for third parties at [www.electoral-commission.org.uk](http://www.electoral-commission.org.uk).

*Lisa Klein, Electoral Commission*

## Hatred goes unheeded

I was sickened as I watched news reports of an Army parade being heckled by Muslim protesters. How can the Government allow such hatred to go unheeded? If I and other Englishmen were to go around with placards calling all Muslims murderers we would be arrested. There seems to be free speech, but only for those who hate us.

*JR O'Neon, Folkestone*

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# Farming course vital for future

STUDENTS have signed-up to take part in a 'groundbreaking initiative' aiming to secure the future of farming at the top land-based college in Kent.

The 15 people, from different backgrounds and ages, are only the second intake at the industry-led training course Fresh Start Academy at Hadlow College, near Tonbridge.

Pat Crawford, spokeswoman for the college, said: "The industry is desperate for people going into farming because there is a real need.

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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"With climate change we have got to grow our own food for food security. There will be a worldwide shortage of food within the next 20 years unless production is upped. We cannot do that without the right people, the right training coming in."

She said the year-long course was part-time, but intensive and offered individualised training such as a mentoring scheme, which links students interested in a specific area, such as dairy farming, with an

appropriate industry figure to give them insights and guidance.

Ms Crawford said the first intake of students who finished the course in April last year had all remained working in the industry and were making successful careers for themselves.

### Determined

She said: "One of the reasons it is so successful is because the people who take part are really passionate about what they want to do.

"They believe they can make good careers and they are determined."

Fresh Start Academies were launched by Sir Don Curry, chair-

man of the Food and Farming Commission, in 2006 and Hadlow was the first college in Kent to be awarded the initiative and only the second in the UK.

The initiative aims to promote farming as an attractive career option, stimulate existing farmers to think about how to respond to Common Agricultural Policy reform and provide a 'match-making' service between existing farmers and those leaving the industry.

Marketing, environmental management and stewardship, business planning, alternative non-food crops, risk management and continued

professional development are among the modules taught on the course.

This year's new students include three 17-year-old grammar school students who are certain they want to go into farming after their A-levels, people who were already working in the farming industry and want to progress and two students from Africa who want to learn skills to take back with them when they graduate, Ms Crawford said.

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## University gets an extra £3.8 million

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Professor Julia Goodfellow, the university's vice-chancellor, said: "This is a resounding vote of confidence by the Government's funding body for the university's research strategy. We are one of the country's top research universities with world-leading research in all three faculties and are making a substantial contribution to skills and innovation in the region."

An assessment of research at Kent found that it performed well in terms of the quality of research conducted by its academics, the value of grants it has won and the results of its postgraduate research students.

## Trainee's plumb role for UK finals

A PLUMBING apprentice from Kent has won the regional head of a national competition run by an events company.

Charlie Watts, who is studying an NVQ in plumbing and heating at North West Kent College in Gravesend, will now go through to the finals of the HIP! EX Apprentice of the Year Awards 2009, in April.

"Everyone had faith in me, except me," said the student from Northfleet. "When you are at work you do get praise, but you get criticism too, so it felt really good when I was told that my work was of a high standard."

Mr Watts, an apprentice for Atmosair Mechanical Services at Chatham Royal Dockyard, had to design and install his own heating system to a set timescale and was put forward for the awards by his plumbing lecturer at college, John Pittman.

Mr Pittman said: "This was a well-organised event and the outcome was a great result for Charlie and the college."

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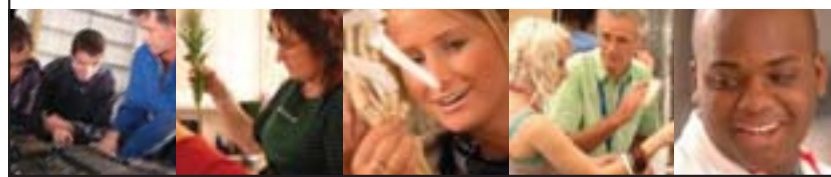


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To forward your CV and/or request a job description and application pack, please contact Ken Pullan [ken.pullan@midkent.ac.uk](mailto:ken.pullan@midkent.ac.uk) or call **07725128661** for an informal discussion.

**Closing date: 1st April 2009.**

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### Gardener

#### Orpington

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Xseed Landscape Maintenance Ltd A position is available for a gardener. Applicants must have a good knowledge/L.D of plants. The successful applicant will be dedicated, hardworking and a strong team player. C.V and references are required. Please contact 01689 860096. **To apply/more information:** Xseed Quoting Job Ref: kos Tel: 01689 860096 Email greg@xseed.co.uk

## Art and Design

### Senior Reprographics Technician

#### Rochester

**Salary:** £16,614 - £21,937  
**Closing Date:** Wednesday 18 March 2009  
Full Time (37 hours per week)  
**Salary:** NJC Scale C1 Point 17 - 26 (presently £16,614 - £21,937) We require from April 2009 a pro-active, organised and self-motivated person with a creative flair to join this popular secondary school. Operating predominantly Konica Minolta copying equipment, this role provides a support function to all levels of staff and students and requires a person with strong communication and inter-personnel skills and the ability to work with pace and diligence. Prospective candidates should be technically minded with a high level of IT literacy including use of Excel, Word and Publisher, and be capable of working under pressure as required. Some flexibility of working hours may be required during busy periods. Previous experience in a similar environment and at a similar level would be an advantage. Application form available on school website, accompanied by a CV and brief resume of relevant experience, to be sent to: Mr.S.Rayner (Finance and Business Manager) at the school address shown above. THE THOMAS AVELING SCHOOL, Arethusa Road, Rochester, Kent. ME1 2UW. Tel: 01634 844809 Fax: 01634 818385 Email: office@thomasaveling.co.uk Website: www.thomasaveling.co.uk

It is envisaged that interviews will take place on Monday 23rd March 2009. **Closing date:** 9:00 am Wednesday 18th March 2009 The Thomas Aveling School is: - An Equal Opportunities Employer - committed to safeguarding the welfare of all students and any offer of employment will be subject to an enhanced CRB check.

**To apply/more information:** Mr S. Rayner Thomas Aveling School Quoting Job Ref: kos Tel: 01634 844809 Email office@thomasaveling.co.uk

## Catering, Hospitality

### Chef

#### Dover

**Salary:** TBA  
Required at small restaurant in Dover Experience preferred For more information Please call Ian On 01304 209444 Or email: grommbridge77@o2.co.uk **To apply/more information:** Ian, Arlington Restaurant (The) Quoting Job Ref: kos Tel: 01304 209444 Email grommbridge77@o2.co.uk

### Kitchen Assistants

#### Dover

**Salary:** £16,506 rising to £18,055 pa  
**Closing Date:** 27th March 2009  
With more than 50,000 staff, the Prison Service recognises the importance of achieving through our people. Right now, we're implementing ambitious modernisation plans throughout our operation. If you're looking for a rewarding career, there is no better time to join us. Dover Immigration Removal Centre provides secure but humane accommodation for appellant and failed male asylum seekers aged over 18. The regime offers as much freedom of movement and association as possible and encourages detainees to make the most productive use of their time while respecting their dignity and right to individual expression. It's here that you'll make sure meals are produced to recipe specifications and standards. You'll also handle light and heavy cleaning of the kitchen itself as well as cooking equipment, and see to it that detainees in your span of control receive the necessary training for them to work effectively. In addition, you'll issue and receive stores, serve food, and help produce meals for any special medical, religious or cultural diets. You will need a City & Guilds 706/1 or NVQ Level 1 or equivalent plus Primary/Level 1 Food Hygiene, and should be keen to be trained to NVQ Level 2 Catering if you don't already have it. Experience of working in an industrial kitchen would be ideal, but we can train you in that too. To apply, please email kent-sussex-area-recruitment@hmps.gsi.gov.uk or visit our website www.hmprisonservice.gov.uk The closing date for receipt of completed applications is 27th March 2009 Applicants will be required to declare

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**To apply/more information:** HM Prison Service Quoting Job Ref: kos Email kent-sussex-area-recruitment@hmps.gsi.gov.uk

## Construction, Architecture, Surveyors

### Traffic Management Operative

#### Dartford

**Salary:** £7-£8 Per Hour  
Road Traffic Management Operative required for our client based in and around the Kent area, the successful candidate will be required to work shifts which include days and nights. Applicants to this job must hold one of the following qualifications; 12A/B or 12D or New Road and Street Work Tickets. Duties will include all aspects of traffic management including lane closures on motorways, laying out cones and signs. Days worked can be Mon-Fri and Weekend work. Successful candidates are guaranteed a minimum of 10 hours paid per each working shift. for the right candidate this job can become permanent. **To apply/more information:** Carl Davis Best Connection Agency Quoting Job Ref: kos Tel: 01622 664 999 Email maidstone@thebestconnection.co.uk

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20 hours per week  
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## Education, Teacher, School

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### Subject Lead Learner - Mathematics (We employ two subject Lead Learners in our core subjects)

#### Aylesford

**Salary:** TLR 2B  
**Closing Date:** 17/03/2009  
Aylesford School - Sports College is an innovative forward looking Specialist Sports College. We have a strong community ethos where we put the learner at the heart of everything we do. At Aylesford School - Sports College we can offer you:-  
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• Is able to start in September. • Can motivate pupils through the curriculum. • Has the desire to make the difference. • Is focussed on developing their career further. • Is able to teach Maths at all key stages. The School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. If you are keen to join our team at this exciting time in the development of our school please contact Miss Jill McKenna, on 01622-717341 ext 204. For an application pack please contact Miss Jill McKenna or email your request to jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk **To apply/more information:** Jill McKenna Aylesford School - Sports College Quoting Job Ref: kos Tel: 01622 717341 Email jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk

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### Teacher of Maths

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### Teacher of Science

#### Aylesford

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### Mentor Lead Learner

#### Aylesford

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**Closing Date:** 17/03/2009  
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• Can motivate students and staff. • Has the desire to make the difference. • Is focussed on developing their career further. • Can lead a team • Can develop this forward thinking area • Has a clear understanding of ECM, Social and Emotional Aspect of Learning (SEAL) and Learning to Learn (L2L) For an application pack please contact Miss Jill McKenna on 01622 717341 ext 204 or email your request to jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk The School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. **To apply/more information:** Jill McKenna Aylesford School - Sports College

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### Subject Lead Learner - English

#### Aylesford

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equipment. We have been a Specialist Science College since September 2004; this has led to a broad range of innovative practice across the school and we are looking to develop cross-curricular projects involving Mathematics. The School has a high profile for achievement locally and nationally and prides itself on a strong record of internal professional development including a full induction in the Summer term. The School is also an Investor in People and an Investor in Careers. Application forms and further details are available from the Headteacher's Personal Assistant, Mrs M Tong Ralphs. Completed forms should be returned by post, fax or email for the attention of Mrs E Wilson, Headteacher no later than Wednesday 18th March 2009 Pelham Road, Gravesend, Kent DA11 0JE Telephone: 01474 352896 Fax: 01474 331195 Website: www.gsgs.org.uk email: enquiries@tongma@gsgs.org.uk This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. **To apply/more information:** Gravesend Grammar School for Girl Quoting Job Ref: kos Tel: 01474 352896 Email tongma@gsgs.org.uk

### Occupational Therapist

#### Margate

**Salary:** TBA  
**Closing Date:** Friday 27th March 2009  
Our Occupational Therapy Service has a vacancy for an enthusiastic Occupational Therapist. The post would require 32 hours a week during term time with an additional six negotiated days out of term time hours. The Royal School for Deaf Children and Westgate College for Deaf People are a specialist residential school and college for children and young people who are d/Deaf, many have additional complex needs, including learning difficulties and behavioural difficulties. We also have a Community Living provision for adults with similar conditions. For further information or informal visit (strongly recommended) please contact Stephen Webb, Occupational Therapist at Royal School for Deaf Children, Victoria Road, Margate, Kent, CT9 1NB. Telephone: 01843 222454. Email swebb@royalschoolfordeaf.kent.sch.uk Please telephone Diane Kirrage, HR Administrator on 01843 222429 for an application form. **Closing Date:** Friday 27th March 2009 **To apply/more information:** Royal School for Deaf Children Quoting Job Ref: kos Tel: 01843 222454 Email swebb@royalschoolfordeaf.kent.sch.uk

### 14-19 Programme Manager

#### Canterbury

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Applications are welcome from experienced candidates, and will hold a DTLLS teaching qualification (Certificate in Education or equivalent), together with an interest in sports and fitness and curriculum development for the 14-19 age range. Please contact AMAC for an application form, full job description, candidate requirements, and details of salary and benefits for position. Contact info@amactraining.co.uk or 01227 831840. Alternatively email your CV with a covering letter, or post it to: Amac, 2 Denne Hill Business Centre, Womensworld, Canterbury, CT4 6HD.

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### Speech and Language Therapist Medway

**Salary:** £26,706 - £34,107 pro rata  
**Closing Date:** 1 April 2009  
Full time – term time only - pro rata Abbey Court School is located on 2 sites; Rainham (Primary) and Strood (Secondary and Further Education), and caters for pupils aged 4-19 with severe learning difficulties. We are looking for an enthusiastic and effective Speech and Language Therapist, with a professional, flexible approach and a good sense of humour. In essence, somebody with an interest in an educational setting and who would like to work in a school committed to enabling pupils to reach their full potential. Working hours are 37 hours p/w, term time only. Candidates should hold a relevant Speech and Language Therapy degree/qualification. Benefits include: Local Authority pension scheme, induction training, performance management programme and Continuous Professional Development. Visits to the school are welcomed. This School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of appointment for post is subject to a satisfactory Criminal Record Bureau Disclosure. For an application pack, or to make an appointment to visit, please telephone (stating the role for which you are applying): Mrs Linda Taylor, Abbey Court School, Rede Court Road, Strood, Kent ME2 3SP (01634 338224) Please note CV's will not be accepted.  
**Closing date:** 1.4.09  
**To apply/more information:**  
Mrs Linda Taylor  
Abbey Court School

Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Tel: 01634 338224  
Email  
tayll036@medway.org.uk

### Lecturer Administration to Level 3 and Cross College Key Skills

**Isle of Sheppey**  
**Salary:** £18,387 - £26,363 pro rata pa  
**Closing Date:** Monday 30 March 2009 at 12 Noon  
18.5 hours per week Sheppey College is a satellite of Canterbury College and has been open since 1996. We offer a variety of courses in a modern and friendly learning environment and enjoy excellent rates of success. Staff benefits include: • Pensions and Life Assurance Scheme • Proximity to Main Bus/Train stations • Close to City Centre • Sports Hall and Gym • Generous Holiday Allowance • Staff Discount Scheme For an application pack, please visit www.canterburycollege.ac.uk or call the Human Resources Office on 01227 811282 (24 answer phone) quoting the post reference .  
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### Coordinator Independent Living and Leisure Skills

**Canterbury**  
**Salary:** £27,209 pro rata  
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7.4 hours per week One year foxed term post Canterbury College is a Further and Higher Education College in the heart of Kent. Our goal is to be one of the best FE Colleges in England by 2010. We have 9,000 students across 300 courses and enjoy an enviable reputation as a great place to learn. Our brand new £50M campus is also home to nearly 800 staff and we have some great career opportunities which may be right for you. Staff benefits include: • Pensions and Life Assurance Scheme • Proximity to Main Bus & Train stations • Close to City Centre • Sports Hall and Gym • Generous Holiday Allowance • Staff Discount Scheme For an application pack, please visit www.canterburycollege.ac.uk or call the Human Resources Office on 01227 811282 (24hr answer phone) quoting the post reference.  
**To apply/more information:**  
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### Supply Lecturer Dental Nursing

**Canterbury**  
**Salary:** £18,387 to £26,363 Pro Rata  
**Closing Date:** Monday 30 March 2009 at 12 Noon  
Various hours available  
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### Supply NVQ Assessors - Community Development

**Canterbury**  
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### Supply NVQ Assessors - Early Years

**Canterbury**  
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**Closing Date:** Monday 30 March 2009 at 12 Noon  
Various hours available  
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Tel: 01227 811282  
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### Higher Education Curriculum Development Officer

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### Project Co-Ordinator - College Redevelopment Officer

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### Curriculum Support Assistant - Engineering and Construction

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37 hours or 2 x 18.5 hours per week, 40 weeks term time  
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### Learning support Independent Living and Leisure Skills

**Canterbury**  
**Salary:** £16,914 pro rata pa  
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37 hours per week, 38 weeks per year term time.  
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Tel: 01843 227959  
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**Head of Teaching and Quality Assurance**  
**Medway**

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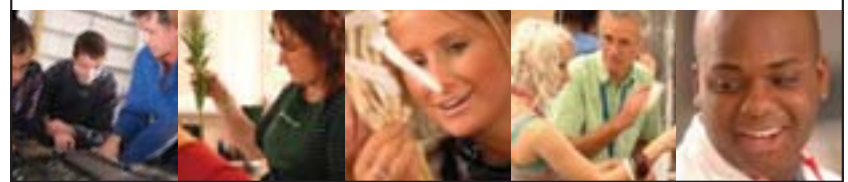
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Highways - District of Ashford

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**(VARIOUS ROADS, CHILHAM) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because of the installation of a new water main, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Various Roads, Chilham as described in columns 1 & 2 of the Schedule, on or after 16 March 2009, for an estimated period of six weeks or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be as shown in column 3 of the schedule

SCHEDULE

Specified Road	Length of road affected	Alternative route	Programmed date
Phase 1			
Bagham Lane, Chilham	Between the junctions with A28 Ashford Road and Bagham Road	Via A28 Ashford Road, A252 Canterbury Road	From 16 March 2009 for up to five days.
Phase 2			
Branch Road, Chilham	Between the junctions of A28 Ashford Road and Bagham Road	Via A28 Ashford Road, A252 Canterbury Road and Bagham Road	From 30 March 2009 for up to five days.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**(FLOOD STREET, MERSHAM) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because of BT works to replace a telegraph pole and cabling, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Flood Street, Mersham, between the junctions with Bank Road and Coopers Lane, on 18 March 2009 for an estimated period of three days or until such works are complete. It is planned that the works will be carried out between the hours of 9.30 am and 3.30 pm, with the road re-opened outside these hours.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Chequer Tree Farm Road, Frith Road, Laws Lane and Bank Road.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**(GRANARY COURT ROAD, SMEETH) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because of works to provide a new electrical supply, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Granary Court Road, SMEETH between The Firs and Towers Cottage, on 16 March 2009, for an estimated period of one week or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Plain Road and Pound Lane.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**(APPLEDORE ROAD, TENTERDEN) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because Carriageway Resurfacing works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on B2o8o Appledore Road, Tenterden from between Highbank Farm and Reading Street on 18 March 2009 for an estimated period of two nights or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via B2o67 Brook Street, C162 Appledore Road, Woodchurch Road and C161 School Road.

This order will come into force on Wednesday 18 March 2009, will be in operation when the appropriate signs are erected and will remain valid for a period of eighteen months. The order will allow the above mentioned restrictions to be implemented as and when required for works of a similar nature at any time for the duration of the order.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**(A28 ASHFORD ROAD, TENTERDEN) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because Surfacing works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on A28 Ashford Road, Tenterden from its junction with Beacon Oak Road and Oaks Road on 16 March 2009 for an estimated period of three nights (20:00 - 05:00) or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via B2o67 Oaks Road, B2o67 East Hill and B2o8o Beacon Oak Road.

This order will come into force on Monday 16 March 2009, will be in operation when the appropriate signs are erected and will remain valid for a period of eighteen months. The order will allow the above mentioned restrictions to be implemented as and when required for the works of a similar nature at any time for the duration of the order.

Highways - District of Canterbury

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**(A2990 THANET WAY, HERNE BAY) (TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because of alterations to the Civic Amenity access road, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order on the A2990 Thanet Way, Herne Bay, from a point 240 metres west of Westbrook Lane to a point 240 metres east of Westbrook Lane, between the Chestfield and Greenhill roundabouts.

The effect of the order is to impose a temporary mandatory speed limit of 40mph. There will also be no overtaking along this section of road.

The order will become effective on or after 30 March 2009 for an estimated period of 18 months or until the works are complete.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**(SHALLOAK ROAD, CANTERBURY) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because Safety Improvement works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Shalloak Road, Canterbury from its junction with Vauxhall Road to a point just south of Dengrove Park, Shalloak Road on or after 30 March 2009 for an estimated period of three nights (19.00 hrs to 06.00hrs) or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Shalloak Road, Sweenchgate, Herne Bay Road, Mill Road, Sturry Road and Vauxhall Road.

This order will come into force on Monday 30 March 2009, will be in operation when the appropriate signs are erected and will remain valid for a period of eighteen months. The order will allow the above mentioned restrictions to be implemented as and when required for works of a similar nature at any time for the duration of the order.

Highways - District of Dover

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**(VARIOUS ROADS RINGWOULD NEAR DEAL) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because new electrical supply works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Various Roads Ringwould near Deal as described in column 1 of schedule to this order on or after 30 March 2009 for an estimated period of 5 weeks or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for each road described in column 1 of the schedule to this order is described in column 3 of that schedule.

Specified Road	Length of road affected	Alternative routes	Programmed date
Hangman's Lane	From its junction with Front Street to its junction with Back Street	Access only for residents	30 March 2009 for three weeks.
Ringwould Road	From its junction with Hangman's Lane to its junction with Sutton Lane	Ringwould Road, Waterworks Lane, Waterworks Hill, Pommeus Lane and Sutton Lane	13 April 2009 for one week
Wingleton Lane	From its junction with Crooked S Road to its junction with Ringwould Road.	Crooked S Road, Ripple Road and Ringwould Road.	20 April 2009 for one week.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**(VARIOUS ROADS, DOVER)(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because Carriageway Surfacing works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on various roads, Dover from as described in column1 of the schedule to this order on or after 30 March 2009 for an estimated period of as described in column 3 of the schedule to this order or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via as described in column 2 of the schedule to this order.

The Affected Route	The Alternative Route	Date & Times of Road
Chapel Lane, St Margarets-at-Cliffe Entire road between Kingsdown Road and High Street	Kingsdown Road and High Street	Between 30 March and 17 April 2009 for one day as advised by the appropriate signage on site.
The Street, Ash Between the junctions with Chequer Lane and Queens Road	Chequer Lane, A257 Ash Bypass, Sandwich Road and The Street	Between 6 - 20 April 2009 for one day as advised by the appropriate signage on site.
St Richards Road, Deal Between the junctions with Court Road and Mongeham Road (in three phases)	Mongeham Road, A258 London Road, B2o56 Manor Road, B2o56 Hamilton Road, B2o56 Cornwall Road, A258 Dover Road, Salisbury Road	Between 10 - 25 April 2009 for two days as advised by the appropriate signage on site.
Court Road, Deal Entire road between Salisbury Road and Station Road	Salisbury Road, A258 Dover Road and Station Road	Between 12 - 22 April 2009 for one day as advised by the appropriate signage on site.
Bewsbury Cross Lane, Whitfield	Sandwich Road and Nursery Lane	Between 13 - 23 April 2009 for one day as advised by the appropriate signage on site.

This order will come into force on Monday 30 March 2009, will be in operation when the appropriate signs are erected and will remain valid for a period of eighteen months. The order will allow the above mentioned restrictions to be implemented as and when required for works of a similar nature at any time for the duration of the order.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**(ALBERT ROAD, DEAL) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because Network Rail track maintenance works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Albert Road, Deal from 30 metres each side of the level crossing on or after 4 April 2009 between the hours of 01:00am Sunday 4 April to 04:00am Monday 5 April or until such works are complete. The Order will remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Western Road, West Street, London Road and Albert Road.

Highways - Borough of Gravesham

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**THE PARADE, GRAVESEND (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on The Parade, Gravesend, in two sections. The First section will close the road from its junction of St Thomas Avenue for a distance of 45 metres and the second section will close the entire length. This Order will make the link road between The Parade and Valley Drive two way whilst the first section is closed. This Order will also suspend parking from the end of the closed section and the property numbered 12.

The Order will become effective on 16th March 2009, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to last a total of 8 weeks. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

There is no alternative route for the route described above.

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate the construction of a new Tesco Store Development and the required carriageway works associated with this project.

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**BROWN ROAD, GRAVESEND (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Brown Road, Gravesend between its junction with Old Road East and the side of 186 Rochester Road.

The Order will become effective on 16th March 2009, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to last up to 8 weeks. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Old Road East, Rochester Road, Forge Lane, Jubilee Crescent, Hampton Crescent

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate the installation of a new electrical supply.

Highways - District of Sevenoaks

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**A224 LONDON ROAD, SEVENOAKS & LINGFIELD ROAD, EDENBRIDGE (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on A224 London Road, Sevenoaks between its junctions with Hitchen Hatch Lane and Braeside Avenue and on Lingfield Road, Edenbridge between the Edenbridge bypass and the county boundary.

The Order will become effective on 16th March 2009, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works on A224 London Road are planned to last up to 5 nights between 7pm and 6am commencing 18th March and the works on Lingfield Road are planned to last 5 days commencing 26th March. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative routes for the routes described above will be via:

A224 London Road, Sevenoaks: A25 Maidstone Road, A25 Bradbourne Vale Road, A225 St Johns Hill, A225 Dartford Road, B2020 St Botolphs Road  
Lingfield Road, Edenbridge: B2026 Mill Hill, B2028 Marsh Green Road/Moor Lane/Racecourse Road/Town Hill/High Street/Plaistow Street, B2029 Godstone Road, Lingfield Common Road, Haxted Road, Lingfield Road.

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate Carriageway Resurfacing works to be undertaken.

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**MADAN ROAD, WESTERHAM (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Madan Road, Westerham from its junction with A2o London Road for a distance of 20m in an easterly direction.

The Order will become effective on 16th March 2009, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works on are planned to last up to 3 weeks. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: A2o London Road, Hartley Road and Madan Road.

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate Gas main replacement works to be undertaken.

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**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**SEAL HOLLOW ROAD, SEVENOAKS (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)**  
**TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS**  
**AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Seal Hollow Road, Sevenoaks between its junctions with Bayham Road and Park Lane.

The Order will become effective on 16th March 2009, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to last up to 1 week. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: A25 Seal Road, A225 St Johns Hill, A225 Dartford Road.

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate essential tree works to be undertaken.

Highways - District of Shepway

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**(TANNERS HILL, HYTHE) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER**  
**2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD**  
**TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because electrical ducting and cabling works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Tanners Hill, Hythe from the junction with Station Road to the junction with North Road on or after 4 April 2009 for an estimated period of 16 days or until such works are complete. The Order will remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Station Road and North Road.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**(ALDINGTON ROAD, LYMPNE) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY**  
**ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE**  
**ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because electrical ducting and cabling works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Aldington Road, Lympe from the junction with Lympe Hill heading east for 1600 metres on or after 4 April 2009 for an estimated period of 6 weeks or until such works are complete. The Order will remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Stone Street, A261 Hythe Road and A261 London Road.

Highways - Borough of Swale

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**(BEACONSFIELD ROAD, SITTINGBOURNE) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)**  
**TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS**  
**AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because Carriageway Surfacing works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Beaconsfield Road, Sittingbourne for its entire length from the junction with Lansdown Road to Ambleside on or after 1 April 2009 for an estimated period of two days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Woodberry and Lansdown Road.

This order will come into force on Monday 30 March 2009, will be in operation when the appropriate signs are erected and will remain valid for a period of eighteen months. The order will allow the above mentioned restrictions to be implemented as and when required for works of a similar nature at any time for the duration of the order.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**(SHEPHERDS HILL, SELLING) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER**  
**2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD**  
**TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because of the installation of a new water main, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Shepherds Hill, Selling between the junction with Grove Road and the intersection of Shepherds Hill adjacent to The Gate Lodge, on or after 16 March 2009, for an estimated period of 5 days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Grove Road, Perry Wood and Selling Road.

Highways - District of Thanet

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**(CHANDOS SQUARE AND BUCKINGHAM ROAD, BROADSTAIRS)(PROHIBITION OF**  
**DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because electrical connection works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Chandos Square and Buckingham Road, Broadstairs from the junction with Chandos Road to the junction with Victoria Parade and at the junction with Buckingham Road and Chandos Square on or after 30 March 2009 for an estimated period of 5 days or until such works are complete. The Order will remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via York Street, Oscar Road and Victoria Parade.

Specified Road	Length of road affected	Alternative routes
Buckingham Road	Suspension of existing one way traffic order between York Street and Chandos Square	N/A

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**(POORHOLE LANE, BROADSTAIRS) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY**  
**ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because construction of a new access and associated works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Poorhole Lane, Broadstairs from the junction with A254 Margate Road to the junction with A256 Westwood Road on or after 30 March 2009 for an estimated period of 6 weeks or until such works are complete. The Order will remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via A254 Margate Road and A256 Westwood Road.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**(VARIOUS ROADS, THANET) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER**  
**2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD**  
**TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because Carriageway Surfacing works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on various roads, Thanet from as described in column 1 of the schedule to this order on or after 30 March 2009 for an estimated period of as described in column 3 of the schedule to this order or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via as described in column 2 of the schedule to this order.

The Affected Route	The Alternative Route	Date & Times of Road
Barrows Close, Birchington Entire road from Phillips Road and the private road	No diversion route	Between 30 March and 17 April 2009 for one day as advised by the appropriate signage on site.
Camden Road, Broadstairs From the junction with Grafton Road to no. 133 Camden Road	Grafton Road, Beacon Road, Westover Road, Pearson's Way, Camden Road	Between 30 March and 17 April 2009 for one day as advised by the appropriate signage on site.
The Silvers, Broadstairs The entire road from Northwood Road to cul-de-sac	Northwood Road, Rumfields Road, The Maples	Between 30 March and 17 April 2009 for two days as advised by the appropriate signage on site.
The Maples, Broadstairs The entire road from The Silvers to cul-de-sac	Rumfields Road, Northwood Road, The Silvers	Between 30 March and 17 April 2009 for one day as advised by the appropriate signage on site.
Beech Drive, Broadstairs The entire road from The Silvers to cul-de-sac	Chestnut Drive, Willow Avenue, Rumfields Road, Northwood Road, The Silvers	Between 30 March and 17 April 2009 for one day as advised by the appropriate signage on site.
Chestnut Drive, Broadstairs The entire road from Beech Drive to cul-de-sac	Chestnut Drive, Willow Avenue, The Maples, The Silvers	Between 30 March and 17 April 2009 for one day as advised by the appropriate signage on site.
Willow Avenue, Broadstairs The entire road from Chestnut Drive to Rumfields Road	Chestnut Drive, Beech Drive, The Silvers, The Maples, Rumfields Road	Between 30 March and 17 April 2009 for one day as advised by the appropriate signage on site.
The Pines, Broadstairs The entire road from Beech Drive to the cul-de-sac	No diversion route	Between 30 March and 17 April 2009 for one day as advised by the appropriate signage on site.
Yew Tree Close, Broadstairs The entire road from Chestnut Drive to the end of the cul-de-sac	No diversion route	Between 30 March and 17 April 2009 for one day as advised by the appropriate signage on site.
Birch Close, Broadstairs The entire road from Cherry Gardens close to the end of the cul-de-sac	No diversion route	Between 30 March and 17 April 2009 for one day as advised by the appropriate signage on site.
Larch Close, Broadstairs The entire road from Chestnut Drive to the end of the cul-de-sac	No diversion route	Between 30 March and 17 April 2009 for one day as advised by the appropriate signage on site.
Pear Tree Close, Broadstairs The entire road from The Silvers to the end of the cul-de-sac	No diversion route	Between 30 March and 17 April 2009 for one day as advised by the appropriate signage on site.
The Hawthorns, Broadstairs The entire road from The Silvers to the end of the cul-de-sac	No diversion route	Between 30 March and 17 April 2009 for one day as advised by the appropriate signage on site.
Almond Close, Broadstairs The entire road from The Hawthorns to the end of the cul-de-sac	No diversion route	Between 30 March and 17 April 2009 for one day as advised by the appropriate signage on site.

Holly Close, Broadstairs The entire road from The Silvers to the end of the cul-de-sac	No diversion route	Between 30 March and 17 April 2009 for one day as advised by the appropriate signage on site.
Cherry Gardens The entire road from The Silvers to the end of the cul-de-sac	No diversion route	Between 30 March and 17 April 2009 for one day as advised by the appropriate signage on site.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**(VARIOUS ROADS, THANET) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER**  
**2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD**  
**TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because Carriageway Improvement works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on various roads, Thanet from as described in column 1 of the schedule to this order on or after 16 March 2009 for an estimated period of five weeks or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via as described in column 3 of the schedule to this order.

Specified Road	Length of Road Affected	Alternative Routes
High Street, Broadstairs	Between Croft's Place and Albion Street	Carlton Avenue, Lindenthorpe Avenue, Crow Hill, Nelson Place and Albion Street Or via Charlotte Street, York Street, Ramsgate Road, Gladstone Road, Seafield Road, Osbourne Road and The Broadway.
Charlotte Street and John Street Broadstairs	Entire Lengths	High Street, Queens Road, York Avenue, Oscar Road and Victoria Parade.

This order will come into force on Monday 16 March 2009, will be in operation when the appropriate signs are erected and will remain valid for a period of eighteen months. The order will allow the above mentioned restriction to be implemented as and when required for works of a similar nature at any time for the duration of the order.

Highways - Borough of Tonbridge & Malling

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**(PIERCE MILL LANE, EAST PECKHAM) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY**  
**ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE**  
**ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Pierce Mill Lane outside of 1 Pierce Mill Cottages on or after Monday 16th March 2009 for a period of up to 10 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the route described above is for northbound traffic via Three Elm Lane, Tonbridge Road, Addlestead Road, Hatches Lane and for southbound traffic vice versa.

Scotia Gas Networks apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary to install a new service. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is Amy Colvin on 01689 881315.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**(A26 TONBRIDGE ROAD, BARMING)(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY**  
**ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE**  
**ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on A26 Tonbridge Road, Barming between the junctions of B2163 Teston Lane and Glebe Lane on or after Thursday 19th March 2009 for a period of up to 2 nights between 2200hrs and 0500hrs or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the route described above is for westbound traffic via B2246 Fountain Lane, B2246 Hermitage Lane, A20 London Road, A228 Ashton Way, A228 kings Hill, A228 Malling Road and for eastbound traffic vice versa.

Kent Highway Services apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary for carriageway resurfacing. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is Darren Hickman on 08458 247 800.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**(LUCKS HILL, EAST MALLING) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER**  
**2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD**  
**TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Lucks Hill, East Malling between the junctions of Winterfield Lane to Lavenders Road on or after Tuesday 31st March 2009 for a period of up to 3 nights or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the route described above is for westbound traffic via Winterfield Lane, A20 London Road, Town Hill, High Street, Swan Street and for eastbound traffic vice versa.

Kent Highway Services apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary for essential carriageway resurfacing. Should you require any further information the Kent Highway Services contact is John Reynolds on 08458 247 800.

For further information, please contact Kent Highway Services,  
on 08458 247 800 (local rate)  
or visit [www.kent.gov.uk/highways](http://www.kent.gov.uk/highways)



## Highways - Borough of Tonbridge & Malling and in the District of Sevenoaks

### THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(VARIOUS ROADS IN THE BOROUGH OF TONBRIDGE & MALLING AND IN THE DISTRICT OF SEVENOAKS) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on the routes described in Column 1 of the Schedule hereto.

The alternative route for each route described in Column 1 of the Schedule hereto is described in Column 2 of that Schedule. Access will be maintained up to the points of closure.

The Order will come into operation on Friday 3 April 2009 and will be valid for a maximum period of 6 months or until the works have been completed, whichever is sooner. The anticipated dates of works are listed in column 1.

#### SCHEDULE

The affected routes (Column 1)	The alternative routes (Column 2)
School Lane, Horton Kirby (From Lombard Street to Three Gates Road) on or after 3 April 2009 for a period of up to six months.	Eastbound traffic via Lombard Street, Mussenden Lane, Three Gates Road, School Lane. Westbound traffic vice versa.
Mussenden Lane, Horton Kirby (From Lombard Street to Three Gates Road) on or after 3 April 2009 for a period of up to six months. Road to be closed for periods of 2 hours at a time off peak.	Eastbound traffic via Scratchers Lane, A20 London Road, Eglantine Lane. Westbound traffic vice versa.
Three Gates Road, Fawkham (From Scudders Hill to School Lane) on or after 4 May to 22 May 2009.	Southbound traffic via Scudders Hill, Valley Road, Speedgate Hill, Three Gates Road. Northbound traffic vice versa.
Michaels Lane, Fawkham (From Valley Road to Manor Lane) on or after 11 May 2009 to 29 May 2009.	Westbound traffic via Manor Lane, Valley Lane. Eastbound vice versa.
Pease Hill, Ash (From South Ash Road to Malthouse Road) on or after 18 May 2009 to 5 June 2009.	Westbound traffic via Malthouse Road, Plaxdale Green Road, Hatham Green Lane, South Ash Road. Eastbound vice versa.
Kemsing Road, Wrotham (From Pilgrims Way to Fen Pond Road) on or after 25 May 2009 to 12 June 2009.	Westbound traffic via Fen Pond Road, A227 Borough Green Road, A25 Sevenoaks Road, A227 Western Road, A227 Wrotham Road, A227 Borough Green Road, Borough Green Road, Kemsing Road. Eastbound vice versa.

For further information, please contact  
Kent Highway Services,  
on 08458 247 800 (local rate)  
or visit [www.kent.gov.uk/highways](http://www.kent.gov.uk/highways)

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Hatham Green Lane, Stansted (From Ash Lane to Plaxdale Green Road) on or after 25 May 2009 to 12 June 2009.	Westbound traffic via Plaxdale Green Road, A20 London Road, Ash Lane. Eastbound vice versa.
Mill Lane, Ightham (From A227 Tonbridge Road to Crowhurst Lane) on or after 1 June 2009 to 19 June 2009.	Westbound traffic via Crowhurst Lane, Bewley Lane, A227 Tonbridge Road. Eastbound vice versa.
School Lane, Horton Kirby (From Lombard Street to Three Gates Road) on or after 3 April 2009 for a period of up to six months.	Eastbound traffic via Lombard Street, Mussenden Lane, Three Gates Road, School Lane. Westbound traffic vice versa. Bewley Lane, Plaxtol (From Crowhurst Lane to A227 Tonbridge Road) on or after 8 June 2009 to 26 June 2009. Westbound traffic via. Crowhurst Lane, Mill Lane, A227 Tonbridge Road. Eastbound vice versa.
High House Lane, Hadlow (From Ashes Lane to Carpenters Lane) on or after 15 June 2009 to 7 July 2009.	Northbound traffic via Ashes Lane, A26 Tonbridge Road, High Street, Carpenters Lane. Southbound vice versa.

Southern Gas Networks apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary to lay a gas pipeline. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Stewart Boughtflower on 07827 308269.

## Highways - Borough of Tunbridge Wells

### THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(QUEENS ROAD, HAWKHURST) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Queens Road, Hawkhurst between the junctions of Dunlop Court and Queens Court on or after Monday 16th March 2009 for a period of up to 3 weeks or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the route described above is for northbound traffic via Rye Road, Cranbrook Road, Hearten oak Road and for southbound traffic vice versa.

Kent Highway Services apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary for highway improvement works. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is Darren Hickman on 08458 247 800.

## TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

### TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACTS – NOTICES OF APPLICATIONS

The following applications have been submitted to the Council and are being advertised for the reason(s) given in each case.

TM/09/00299/FL – Starkey Castle Wouldham Road Wouldham Rochester Kent ME1 3TR – Mr Mark Gibbon is applying for to fit metal gate into existing opening in yew hedge leading to the front door at Starkey Castle. Reason: LB

TM/09/00417/LB – Long Gore Cottage Green Lane Trottscliffe West Malling Kent ME19 5DX – Mr Christopher Drayson is applying for Listed Building Application: Alterations including removal of internal wall. Reason: CA LB

TM/08/01937/FL – Beau Voir Chapel Street Ryarsh West Malling Kent ME19 5LU – Mr Stuart Kemp is applying to clad part exterior of property with hanging tile. Reason: CA

Reasons for the case being publicised:

LB Application relates to/affects a Listed Building or its setting

CA Application is within/affects a Conservation Area

These applications are displayed on our website [www.tmbc.gov.uk](http://www.tmbc.gov.uk) – click on the button “Do It Online” and follow the instructions for “Planning Applications” online. You can submit your comments by emailing to [planning.applications@tmbc.gov.uk](mailto:planning.applications@tmbc.gov.uk) (please quote the application number by the date set out below).

Copies of applications listed may be seen during office hours (8.30 am and 5.00 pm Monday to Friday). Any applications within Hadlow, Hildenborough and Tonbridge are available at Tonbridge Castle, Tonbridge. Other applications are available at the office of the Director of Planning, Transport & Leisure, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4LZ. Any representations should be made in writing quoting the application number by 5 April 2009.

David Hughes, Chief Executive  
15 March 2009



## KENT COUNTY COUNCIL - THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004 APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made by Mrs Topiwala of Old Woodcocks, Reeds Lane, Shipbourne to Kent County Council, to grant an approval for a ceremony at this premise.

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the grant of an approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper.

Objections should be sent to the following address  
Martin Alford, Head of Registration,  
Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX

## PLANNING AND COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACT 2004

The Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004 (as amended)

Regulation 27: Publication of a Development Plan Document (DPD)

Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council has prepared the Managing Development and the Environment Development Plan Document (MDE DPD). Later in the year it intends to submit this document to the Secretary of State under Regulation 30. Before doing so, the Council has published the document under Regulation 27 so that representations may be made to the Secretary of State about its soundness.

Copies of the MDE DPD will be available for public inspection, free of charge from Friday 20 March 2009 until Friday 8 May 2009 at the Council Offices at:

Gibson Building  
Gibson Drive  
Kings Hill  
West Malling  
Kent ME19 4LZ

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TN9 1BG

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Between 8.30am and 5pm Mon – Fri  
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Sundays 10.30am and 4pm

Copies are also available for inspection at all libraries in the Tonbridge & Malling Borough area. Check with the library for opening times and days. The documents can also be viewed and downloaded from the Council's website [www.tmbc.gov.uk](http://www.tmbc.gov.uk).

Representations relating to the MDE DPD should be made on the special forms available from the same locations and sent to:

Policy Section  
Planning, Transport & Leisure Services  
Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council  
Gibson Building  
Gibson Drive  
Kings Hill  
West Malling  
Kent ME19 4LZ  
or emailed to [LDF@tmbc.gov.uk](mailto:LDF@tmbc.gov.uk) BEFORE 5PM ON FRIDAY 8 May 2009.

Representations should specify the matters to which they relate and the grounds on which they are made. They may also be accompanied by a request to be notified at a specified address of the withdrawal, adoption, approval or rejection of the MDE DPD. Only representations which are made in writing or by email and arrive at the address specified and by the prescribed deadline will be considered.



## GDF VENTILATION & DUCTWORK LIMITED

(Company Number 05918319)

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at Salisbury House, 31 Finsbury Circus London EC2M 5SQ, on 9 April 2009 at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act. A list of the names and addresses of creditors may be inspected free of charge at the offices of Tenon, 75 Springfield Road Chelmsford, Essex between 10.00 am and 5.00 pm on the two business days preceding the meeting. The resolution taken at the meeting may include a resolution specifying terms on which the liquidator is to be remunerated. The meeting may receive information about, or be called upon to approve the costs of preparing the statement of affairs and convening the meeting. Dated: 2 March 2009 By Order of the Board Gregory David French, Director

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## The Insolvency Act 1986 GRYPHON SECURITY SERVICES LIMITED

(Company Number 05596029)

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at 6-7 Ludgate Square, London, EC4A 7AS, on 26 March 2009, at 11.00 am for the purpose of having a full statement of the position of the Company affairs, together with a list of the creditors of the Company and the estimate amount of their claims, laid before them, and for the purpose, if thought fit, of nominating a Liquidator and appointing a Liquidation Committee. Creditors should be aware that resolutions will be taken at the meeting specifying the terms on which the Liquidator is to be remunerated. In addition, the meeting may receive information about the costs of preparing the statement of affairs and convening that meeting. On the two business days falling next before the day on which the meeting is to be held, a list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of Grosvenor Partners LLP, 6-7 Ludgate Square, London, EC4A 7AS, being a place in the relevant local area. Notice is also given that, for the purpose of voting, secured creditors must, unless they surrender their security, lodge at the said Registered Office of the Company at 6-7 Ludgate Square, London EC4A 7AS before the meeting a statement giving particulars of the security, the date when it was given and the value at which it is assessed. Dated: 27 February 2009 By Order of the Board of Directors George Orr, Director

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**INSIDE**

## Renault puts Scenic on track to win back the midi-MPV crown



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**Substance over style** Pages 58-59

DOORS close at the prestigious Geneva motor show this weekend and Renault claims to have stolen the limelight with seven world debuts.

Admittedly, some of these are 'refreshes' of familiar models such as the 2009 revision of its best-selling model range, the Clio.

But the recent launch of the all-new Mégane hatchback meant that its MPV spin-off could not be far behind, so Geneva saw the wraps slide off the latest Scenic and seven-seat Grand Scenic.

Renault created the whole MPV/people carrier sector with the big Espace, initially, and then the middle category Scenic of two generations ago.

Unfortunately, French arch-rival Citroën has since stolen ownership with what is now Europe's best-selling MPV range, the Picasso line-up, though the Vauxhall Zafira rules the UK MPV market.

Fact is Renault has it all to do with this third generation Scenic if it is win back control of a sector it invented, especially with a new and much-improved Toyota Verso seven-seater due soon too.

By **STEVE LOADER**

Significantly, it is the seven-seat Grand Scenic that will hit showrooms first – perhaps in a bid to head off this powerful and refreshed rival – by arriving in May, two months ahead of the 'junior' five-seat only Scenic.

Not surprisingly, both cars use the Mégane hatch platform so the ride should be a good mix of comfort and handling, but Renault has differed from most rivals in creating distinct five and seven-seat models – the exception being the five and seven-seat Citroën C4 Picassos.

This means the smaller Scenic is by far the better looking of the two Renaults, so if you have to have the seven chairs plus extra space, you are faced with the stretched and less elegantly executed Grand version.

As with many new generation MPVs, interior packaging, stowage and load space, has been a major part of the brief – buyers don't just want to cram in the bodies, but their bits and bobs too. The new Scenics include four underfloor compartments, for instance.

One clever design point are the wider spaced windscreen pillars; some MPVs and MPV-style superminis have windscreen pillars and 'quarterlight' dividers that are too close and create a

major blind spot at roundabouts and junctions.

Another innovation sure to be picked up by others will also close the gap in prices for in-car sat nav.

At one extreme there are sometimes fairly clunky factory-fit versions adding four figures to the car price and, at the other, cheap and highly effective aftermarket units from the likes of Tom Tom and Garmin and sold via the internet or retailers like Halfords.

Renault's answer has been to work with Tom Tom and produce a factory system for the Scenic costing less than £500, using a large 5.8-inch screen and integrating with the sound system.

A more familiar edge gained by the new Scenics is a wide choice of Renault's excellent diesel engines including three outputs of the 1.5-litre dCi unit that we rate so highly.

However, petrol options include an interesting 1.6-litre turbocharged low emissions petrol engine capable of averaging 40mpg, one of the new generation petrol engines arriving on the market to challenge the lower emissions of diesel, deliver better low end punch and make use of cheaper pump prices for petrol.



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# FIRST GEAR

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## Crop top Lexus breaks cover

IS this the car that finally gets the Lexus IS mentioned in the same breath as German opposition?

It is the new 250C folding hardtop version of the baby Lexus that is Japan's answer to the BMW 3-Series, Audi A4 and Mercedes-Benz C-Class.

Lexus – Toyota's luxury arm – has already ruffled that trio with the outrageous IS-F V8 performance version of its junior car.

It has now attacked both the coupé and convertible niches of the junior executive sector with the 250C.

Unfortunately, it is unlikely to be here before late summer, but the all-year-round convenience and security of the hardtop – at 20 seconds, claimed to be the fastest from 'top up to top down' of its type – will persuade many would-be buyers.

Launch engine will be the 204bhp

2.5-litre V6 engine and six-speed automatic transmission from the IS 250 saloon, but expect others to come.

So what's next on the IS agenda to wind up the Germans?

Well, there was a first generation IS estate, but the styling was awful. However, the success of the BMW 3-Series Touring and Audi A4 Avant, suggest Lexus really ought to tackle this area too.



## Alto is out

SUZUKI dealers have the Japanese marque's all-new and much improved Alto economy car in stock.

The newcomer has the cleanest CO2 emissions of any five-door petrol car on the UK market, though doesn't quite avoid the lowest payable road tax bracket (£35/year). It can also average more than 60mpg and qualifies for the minimum 1E insurance group.

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HONDA'S new tech holy grail is hydrogen technology.

But Japan's number two car brand is also determined to keep options open and tabs on number one Toyota by staying in the hybrid race – a potential hare to hydrogen's tortoise in the race for greener motoring.

Honda's new Insight hatchback hybrid, arriving next month, will put Toyota's hybrid market-leading Prius under pressure and even challenge eco versions of mainstream conventional cars like the Ford Focus, Vauxhall Astra and VW Golf.

The threat to the Toyota is obvious from the Insight's pricing from £15,490 – under-

## Honda's hybrid hare



cutting the current Prius by £2,380, though a new Prius is due here later this year.

The challenge to conventional cars is less obvious, but stacks up through projected savings in fuel – Honda says

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# Small scorching Scorpion shows Abarth sting is back

FirstDrive

by  
**STEVE LOADER**

## Fiat Abarth 500

IS Fiat's Abarth 500 a marketing triumph of style over substance?

After all, Fiat has form here, having sprinkled the once proud Scorpion badge around before in the hope it would endow 'GTT' status upon otherwise mediocre hotted up mainstream Fiats.

But the Italian brand insists that Abarth is a stand-alone brand again and will not be treated lightly any more.

The biggest test comes now, with the arrival of the version based upon the Fiat 500 cult car – the model that put the Italian car brand in such a strong financial position so quickly after years of losses.

The good impression starts early: walk into Kent Abarth dealer Lipscomb's Aylesford site and the sporting brand has its own piece of tarmac, literally, within the main showroom area.

Prospective buyers settle down in the most sumptuous 'office' chairs I've ever seen. These



logo'd up red leather and chrome creations would set you back £1,000 apiece if they were for sale – and there have been plenty of inquiries, I'm told.

As a further teaser when I called in, there was a white Abarth 500 sitting there with the lowered suspension and bespoke alloys of the £2,500 Esseesse sporting upgrade.

So, you could be seduced before you get into a demonstrator...

Do you need to be swayed beforehand though? No.

The Abarth really is a cracker and if you are

a bloke in denial about liking the mainstream Fiat version, perhaps dismissing it as 'too girly', then the Abarth is for you.

It is a bit of a Jekyll and Hyde: press the 'Sport' button on the dash and the engine response and rasp goes up a notch while the steering weights up for sportier driving – 128mph maximum and 0-62mph in 7.9 seconds comes on tap.

Trouble is, once you've met loony Mr Hyde, you don't really want a dose of sensible Dr Jekyll or standard mode, which nags you into the most economical gearshifts.

Still, it should help you average a respectable

40 or so mpg and avoid draining the small 7.7-gallon tank too quickly – as I nearly did – by charging around in Sport mode.

The good doctor's wagging finger is also a small price to pay for what is also a far more affordable rival (from £13,600) to the BMW Mini's performance star, the Cooper S (from £16,475).

Like the Mini though, you can quickly whack the price up by opting for a Scorpion decal on the bonnet and chequered roof – as on the Lipscomb demo car – and any number of other accessories.

Not that you need to, because the Abarth is an eye-catcher anyway, being slightly longer than its Fiat sister in order to accommodate a tweaked chassis, while wearing alloys, side skirts, larger roof spoiler, and deep aerodynamic diffuser at the back.

Interior quality echoes the Fiat, with retro 'bakelite' look controls and a smart Abarth version of the gearknob that falls so neatly to hand on the 500 dashboard.

The leather seats look great, though I couldn't quite get comfortable, while alloy pedals with rubber insets finish the hot hatch effect.

But it is the drive that clinches it – it is just simply great fun, with tenacious cornering and steering response.

The short wheelbase and sports suspension mean it can be a bit jarring, while motorway cruising is never going to be quiet, but this is a small car that can entertain, impress and even be sensible.

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# Hyundai baby 'wears' well

## DrivingReview



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## Hyundai i10

YOU don't so much drive city cars like the little Hyundai i10 as wear them, but you won't be scoring style points with the fashionistas.

Still, if you can get past the Noddy car image, climb inside and forget how you look to the world, then cars like this make sense – especially now that we are all strapped for cash.

Hyundai was seemingly so keen to deliver its all-new pint-size recession-beating eco champ last spring that it did so with a bit missing – a decent engine.

The 1.1-litre debut petrol unit sidled towards 62mph in a glacial 15.6 seconds, protesting all the while: "I won't be hurried dear."



It rather took the edge off otherwise favourable first impressions, but the Korean marque put the record straight with a new 1.2-litre replacement across the line-up in September.

Dubbed the 'Kappa' engine, it is a ground-breaking lightweight aluminium unit for Hyundai, designed to produce good power low down the rev range and squeeze more out of each increasingly precious drop of fuel and with lower emissions – it qualifies for the lowest payable road tax band of £35/year.

It drives rather well too, with good response and refinement for this class and a 0-62mph time pruned to a 'real world' 12.8 seconds, better suited to cut and thrust urban driving and emerging from junctions.

Like many industry watchers, we thought the i10 would be a clone of the similarly five-door only Picanto produced by Korean sister brand Kia, but the Hyundai is 30mm longer, 70mm taller and has an extra 10mm of wheelbase compared with the Kia.

It might not sound a lot, but these slight dif-

ferences hint at greater changes and more character beneath the metal.

The Kia performs adequately for a short car where balancing ride quality and chassis dynamics is always a tough call, but the i10 is a class higher around town and the 1.2 engine has transformed motorway refinement.

You can even relish the chance to drive the i10 cross-country – I can't say that about many city cars.

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and good comfort levels. This high-roof car can be crammed like a van when the rear seats are folded.

Some of the textured trimming looks cheap though and the steering wheel feels low rent on Classic and Comfort junior trims; I would not normally advocate going for any top spec model in a line-up, but a leather-covered wheel is just one of the luxuries that recommend the flagship Style trim of our test car.

It costs £1,000 more than poverty spec Classic and you get alloys, heated front seats,

a storage tray beneath the passenger seat, an electric sunroof – even a rear spoiler to give the i10's stunted lines a bit more dash.

That's on top of generous standard i10 kit including air con, an aux-in/MP3 socket for the sound system and front electric windows, plus some thoughtful design.

The boot, for instance, is not only spacious for this class, but has two side boxes beneath the floor as well as a compartmentalized tray above the space saver spare wheel – plenty of stowage to capture those odds 'n' sods that accumulate.

As a package, this car is a long way from where Hyundai was just five years ago and yet still has the famous five-year warranty and value for money that kept Hyundai in the game while its design, dynamics and engineering has caught up with European carmakers.

No, 'wearing' the i10 will not fill you heart with glee, but your head will stay 'yes' as it tots up every bit of good sense it stands for.



## DrivingStats

- Hyundai i10 1.2 Style £8,075
- Range: £7,000-test car
- Garage stats: 3.56m by 1.59m five-door hatchback
- Powertrain: 1,248cc/77bhp four-cylinder petrol unit driving front wheels through a five-speed manual gearbox
- Performance: top speed 102mph and 0-62mph in 12.8 seconds
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**7 SERIES**, 735i AUTO, 2002, oxford green metallic with beige nappa exclusive, 79000 miles, £11950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

**Z3**, 1.9 Roadster Convertible 2d 1895cc, p180jmf, abs braking system, alloys, leather seats, deadlocks, air traction control system, power steering, drivers airbag, electric driver's seat, radio / cd, front foglights, black, 59150 miles, £7995, E-SURE Cars UK, Broadstairs, 0845 6447751 (TRADE)

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**CTS**, cts 3.6 sport luxury v6, 2005, light platinum with black leather, 22379 miles, £12950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

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**KALOS**, SX 5dr, central locking, immobiliser, power steering, electric mirrors, electric windows, air con, abs, cd player, metallic paintwork, colour coded body, cloth upholstery, alloy wheels, aluminium silver, 3000 miles, £5995, Automatically Ray Morris (Bexleyheath), 01322 524 680 (TRADE)

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**300C**, 5.7v8 auto estate, 2007, brilliant crystal met with dark and light slate gr, 10577 miles, £18950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

**NEON**, 2.0 LXI, 1995 (n), 95 (n) chrysler neon 2.0 xi automatic, 5 door saloon, metallic green coachwork with contrasting grey velour trim, only 1 owner from new, just been serviced and new cam belt, new mot a snap at now £1495, metallic green, low mileage 57000 miles, Riviera Car Sales, Folkestone, 01303 244244 (TRADE)

**PT CRUISER**, ic57 fwz, air con, full leather, remote central locking, remote alarm, power steering, abs, electric windows, electric mirrors, powered folding mirrors, traction control, cruise control, twin air bags, privacy glass, adjustable steering column, height adjustable seat, cd player, radio, heated seats, centre armrest, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, front fog lamps, alloy wheels, blue, 2250 miles, £7495, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

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**C-CROSSER**, 2.2 HDI Exclusive 5dr, 2008, 2.2 hdi exclusive 5dr diesel estate, grey, 12000 miles, £17995, Barretts Citroen, Canterbury, 0845 3709768 (TRADE)

**C1**, 1.0i Vibe 3dr, 2006, 1.0i vibe 3dr hatch, red, 5721 miles, £5295, Barretts Citroen, Canterbury, 0845 3709768 (TRADE)

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**C8**, 2.0 HDi 16V SX 5dr [136], 2007, 2.0 hdi 16v sx 5dr [136] diesel estate, silver, 8995 miles, £15995, Wilmoths Ashford, Ashford, 01233 640100 (TRADE)

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**NEMO**, 1.4 HDi X, 2008, 1.4 hdi x diesel, white, 1000 miles, £6995, Masters Citroen, Penge, 0208 659 0809 (TRADE)

**RELAY**, 1800 2.8 HDi LWB Hi-Roof, y558kda, side load door, bulkhead, dual passenger seat, radio cassette, power steering, white, 55200 miles, £2895, Clearways Commercial, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

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**XSARA PICASSO**, 2003, 1.8i 16v sx 5dr estate, grey, 55000 miles, £3995, Wilmoths Ashford, Ashford, 01233 640100 (TRADE)

**FIAT**

**DOBLO**, 8v Dynamic H, yx57pwn, grey, 1700 miles, £7495, Automatically Ray Morris (Welling), Welling, 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

**DUCATO**, 30 100 Multijet L2 H1, ej56fg, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, ply-lined, side load door, dual passenger seat, low floor, barn doors, adjustable steering column, power steering, abs, air bag, cd player, electric windows, electric mirrors, white, 3000 miles, £7000, Clearways Commercial, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

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**PANDA**, 1.2 Eleganza 5dr Hatch, pas, abs, remote central locking, front electric windows, alloys, radio/cd, trip computer, passenger airbag, electric door mirrors, steering wheel rake adjustment, drivers airbag, climate control, cloth seat trim, isofix child seat anchor points, service indicator, body coloured bumpers, height adjustable drivers seat, space saver spare wheel, rear wiper, immobiliser, cocktail blue metallic, 14000 miles, £5495, Thames Group Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

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FORD

**C-MAX**, Ghia (2005) 5-Dr 1.8 TDCi Lynx Stg 4 115 PS (-), 25/01/2006, black, 30933 miles, £7700, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**COURIER 1.8**, 23/10/1998, white, 52421 miles, £34500, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**ESCORT**, FLIGHT 1.6 5 DOOR HATCHBACK, 2001 x, metallic cherry coachwork with contrasting black cloth trim, service history with recent service, new mot, only one family owner from new, remote central locking, alarm, immobiliser, electric windows, tinted glass, sun roof, multiple air bags, abs brakes, original hi-fi, metallic cherry, 109000 miles, £1495, Riviera Car Sales, Folkestone, 01303 244244 (TRADE)

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**FOCUS C-MAX**, 2006, insurance group 6 abs air conditioning alarm alloy wheels audio remote control body coloured bumpers drivers airbag electric door mirrors immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cd remote central locking side airbags steering wheel rake adjustment steering wheel reach adjustment 1 owner service history, moonmust silver, 23000 miles, £5689, A 1 Carriages, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

**FUSION**, 1.6 Zetec Auto (Climate), 2007, insurance group 6 abs air conditioning alloy wheels body coloured bumpers folding rear seats front electric windows front fog lights heated door mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cd remote central locking trip computer 1 owner service history, panther black, 27000 miles, £6489, A 1 Carriages, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

**GALAXY**, Ghia Tdc, wv080th, remote central locking, remote alarm, cloth upholstery, centre armrest, height adjustable seat, rear headrests, adjustable steering column, cruise control, multi-function steering wheel, parking sensor, power steering, trip computer, abs, multiple airbags, colour coded body, front fog lamps, rear wash/wipe, electric mirrors, electric windows, air conditioning, climate control, multi-disc cd player, radio, alloy wheels, aluminium silver, 24500 miles, £13995, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

**KA**, Luxury 3dr, ap04 fti, air conditioning, full leather, cd player, radio, power steering, air bag, electric front windows, electric mirrors, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, remote central locking, remote alarm, alloy wheels, black, 11600 miles, £4495, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

**MONDEO**, LX 1798cc 5 door, 2001, cd player abs brakes air conditioning central locking alarm driver's airbag multiple airbags power steering immobiliser electric windows, gloss whight, 100000 miles, £2295, Northdown Road Motor Company, Margate, 01843 290890 (TRADE)

**MUSTANG**, 3.8 v6 coupe, 1995, silver, 23579 miles, £5495, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

**RANGER**, Supercab 2.5 TD 4X4, av05shiz, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, centre armrest, adjustable steering column, power steering, abs, air bag, air conditioning, electric mirrors, electric windows, radio cassette, 4x4, x2 rear seats. hard top. load liner. white, 32000 miles, £4495, Clearways Commercial, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

**STREETKA**, 1.6i Red, 2005, insurance group 7 abs air conditioning alarm alloy wheels body coloured bumpers drivers airbag height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser leather passenger airbag power steering radio/cd remote central locking sports seats, oyster silver, 31000 miles, £5489, A 1 Carriages, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

**TRANSIT**, 280 100bhp LWB Med-Roof, In55wzc, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, bulkhead, ply-lined, side load door, semi-high roof, dual passenger seat, power steering, abs, air bag, radio cassette, blue, 44000 miles, £5000, Clearways Commercial, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

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**ACCORD**, Type-V, y915 mrx, front fog lamps, remote central locking, alarm, full leather, electric seats, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, rear headrests, electric mirrors, electric windows, air conditioning, climate control, radio cassette, twin air bags, electric sunroof, abs, power steering, alloy wheels, green, 54600 miles, £2995, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

**CIVIC**, SE 1.0si 1-Shift 5dr, hg57mkm, anti-theft system, central locking, immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, metallic paintwork, abs, multiple airbags, power steering, electric front windows, air conditioning, cd player, aluminium silver, 7000 miles, £10995, Automatically Ray Morris (Welling), Welling, 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

**CR-V**, I-VTEC SE Sport, oe053 ovj, air conditioning, power steering, electric sunroof, remote central locking, abs, remote alarm, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, electric mirrors, cloth upholstery, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, cd player, radio, twin air bags, alloy wheels, 4x4, red, 49900 miles, £5495, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

**STREAM**, 7 seater SE Sport, eu51sdo, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, air bag, air conditioning, climate control, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, electric mirrors, electric windows, cd player, radio, anti-theft system, central locking, folding rear seats, rear headrests, front fog lamps, yes this one comes with the desirable 7 seater option, green, 79000 miles, £3699, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

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**AMICA**, CDX 5dr, 5058314, aluminium silver, 5000 miles, £4995, Automatically Ray Morris (Welling), Welling, 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

**COUPE**, 2006, silver, 25000 miles, £7955, WJ King Vauxhall, Farnhamham, 01322 862366 (TRADE)

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# Industry wants bike tax holiday and recognition of eco benefits

BRITAIN'S bike trade has asked the Government to suspend road tax on two wheelers for at least a year.

It also wants recognition of the 'green' advantages of motorcycling.

Bikes cost between £15-66 a year to tax and the Motor Cycle Industry Association (MCI) says a payment holiday would cost the Treasury just £13 million, but protect 15,000 jobs by boosting the nation's motorcycle industry.

It also argues that such encouragement of sales of new bikes, scooters and mopeds would help meet greener transport targets since all new machines must comply with strict EU rules on CO2 and pollution emissions and generally emit far lower levels anyway.

Up to now, the bike trade had shown great resilience according to the MCI, but registrations dropped by 25 per cent in February this year compared with the same month last year.

Apart from employing 15,000, Britain's motorcycle industry turns over more than £3 billion a year and Triumph Motorcycles is the largest, solely UK-owned, automotive manufacturer in the UK.

Despite this, Government support packages have been aimed at the car and commercial vehicle sectors, overlooking the motorcycle industry – a situation that must now change as the industry faces up to faltering sales, says the MCI.

February is the fourth consecutive month in which new registrations have fallen, compared with 12 months ago.



While winter is traditionally a slow sales season and the February market is affected by potential buyers waiting for March to get the latest registration number, the scale of the February decline has sounded a warning note.

The MCI's Sheila Rainger said: "The motorcycle market has held up well in the recession, but cannot struggle on alone."

"Since November we have seen small but steady monthly declines, with a much steeper drop last month."

"A VED and first registration holiday would

cost relatively little and really help to encourage customers into dealerships."

"A tax break on new sales will also encourage people onto brand new 'Euro 3' motorcycles, which have even lower emissions and more fuel-efficient engines than older models."

"The environmental and congestion-busting benefits of motorcycling are unarguable and are worthy of support, as is an industry which employs so many people, predominantly in small and medium-sized businesses."

The number of mopeds registered in

February 2009 fell to 900, a drop of 33 per cent on February 2008. 3,205 new motorcycles were registered, 931 fewer than this period last year, and a fall of 22.5 per cent.

For the first time since the credit crunch began to bite, the fall in the motorcycle market is greater than the fall in the new car market, which declined 21.9 per cent in February 2009.

Registrations of all two-wheeler styles and engine sizes have fallen, though naked, scooter and supersport styles have fallen less than the average.

## BIKE BUYING TIPS

- Take a test ride.
- Finance – despite rising rates, there are still deals, so shop around.
- Interest free credit – good if you can get it, but watch for introductory offers where the APR and payments soar after the 'honeymoon' period.
- Free insurance – check any no-claims bonus can be transferred after the first free year.
- Specification – if you pay top price, make sure you are getting the latest model.
- Buying an old specification new bike could save as much as 20 per cent, but will be worth less when you sell.
- Pre-registration can be a good buy, but should be brand new with delivery mileage only.
- Free riding courses – nice if you are a beginner, but check the course credentials and look out for any hidden fees.
- Extras – check the price you pay includes any additional security features, road tax, number plates and fuel.



## Top sellers shine with new 'bling'

YAMAHA has launched a range of accessories to 'bling' up some of its top sellers such as the Supersport class leader, the 2009 YZF-R1 and what are seen as benchmarks for the middleweight bike sector, the XJ6 (above) and XJ6 Diversion.

The YZF-R1 gets a selection of quality accessories, including double-bubble and flip-up screens in smoke and clear colour options, colour-coded pillion seat covers with integral pad, YEC engineered roller protector kit, tank pad and soft luggage.

The XJ6 and XJ6 Diversion can now be complemented by hard and soft luggage, engine guards, roller protector kit and tank pad.

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# Database 'blacklist' fallout

By **TONY PATEY**

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KENT construction companies linked with a database firm which held an alleged "blacklist" of workers have this week distanced themselves from the outfit.

An eight-month investigation by the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) uncovered a database containing details on 3,213 construction workers which was apparently used by more than 40 companies to vet individuals for employment.

The information included sensitive personal information such as construction workers' personal relationships, trade union activity and employment history.

It was seized by the ICO during a raid in Droitwich, West Midlands. Ian Kerr, the owner of a firm known as the Consulting Association, appears to have run the database for more than 15 years.

An Enforcement Notice ordering Mr Kerr to stop using the system has been served. Mr Kerr has ceased trading and the ICO says he now faces prosecution for breaching the Data Protection Act.

Deputy information commissioner David Smith said: "This is a serious breach of the Data Protection Act. Not only was personal information held on individuals without their knowledge or consent, but the very existence of the database was repeatedly denied."

"The covert system enabled Mr Kerr to unlawfully trade personal information on workers for years, helping the construction industry to vet prospective employees."

"We will prosecute Mr Kerr and we are also considering what regulatory action to take against construction firms that have been using the system. Trading personal details in this way is unlawful and we are determined to stamp out this type of activity."

Among construction companies named were Bam Nuttall, which has its regional area and special projects office at Harrietsham, Crown House Technologies of Dartford, Morgan

## Kent construction firms named following raid on vetting agency

Ashurst, which has an office in Smeeth, Morgan Est which has a site in Dartford, and Willmott Dixon, which has an office in Dartford.

Crown House is now owned by Laing O'Rourke (which was also named). A spokesperson said: "There has been a legacy relationship with this consultancy following the acquisition of certain companies from other businesses in recent years."

"The relationship has now ceased. Laing O'Rourke has a very clear policy of solely hir-

ing staff on merit and capabilities, irrespective of their background."

A statement from Morgan said: "Morgan Ashurst inherited the subscription from a company we acquired in 2007."

"An internal investigation into this subscription has shown that we did not supply to, or receive any data from Ian Kerr or the Consulting Association, nor did we use any information from this organisation since the acquisition."

"Now that the subscription has been brought

to our attention – and the person who subscribed to it left the company last year – we have cancelled it. We wish to stress that we take our responsibilities under the Data Protection Act very seriously and are an equal opportunities employer".

Willmott Dixon said it "takes the claims made by the information commissioner very seriously" and it has "immediately carried out a search of financial records for the past six years and can confirm that we can find no record of any involvement with the Consulting Association."

A Bam spokesman said: "We take these allegations very seriously and will co-operate in any way possible."

He said the firm had used the database for a number of years, but an investigation just carried out showed that no applicant in the past had not got a job because of it.



GOING ALONE: Teacher Debbie Cowley

## Debbie takes her own good advice

A FORMER Kent College ICT and business studies teacher has swapped the textbook profit and loss account for a real one by going it alone.

Debbie Cowley, pictured left, from Hildenborough, decided to practice what she preached and launched the Cleaning Partnership in Tunbridge Wells, a franchise of the successful Westerham-based business of the same name.

She said: "I've spent years encouraging girls to go into business – there are still too few women working for themselves. So when this opportunity

came up I realised I should take my own advice."

No doubt lessons about the success of niche markets, especially in recessions, were uppermost in her mind when she set up, emulating the standards and skills of those who ran grand stately homes.

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## Networking has become crucial and timely tool

NETWORKING has taken on a new dimension during the recession, *writes Tony Patey.*

What was once a pleasant get-together over a breakfast or lunch has become a crucial and efficient way of getting new business.

Events take place all over Kent every week, but one soon will be special because it involves not only about 400 people – and that could be a record – but it also links up with the big Kent 2020 Vision '09 conference and business exhibition.

Called Networking for Recovery and Growth, it is free and being organised by Business Link and held at the Ramada Hotel in Maidstone, which is also sponsoring the event.

On Monday, March 23, from 8-10am, it is exclusively for all registered delegates and exhibitors at 2020, which is on April 2 at the County Showground, Detling, attendance at which is also free.

Carole Black, events manager at Business Link, said: "If there was a Guinness World Record for Kent networking events, then we would be hoping to break it at this special occasion.

"We aim to attract more than 400 attendees on the day and don't believe any networking event on this scale has ever been held in the county before."

### Contribution

A good example of effective local networking is the Maidstone Invicta chapter of the global Business Network International (BNI), which has just been named the top group in the UK.

A unique feature of BNI events is the very early start – Maidstone starts at 6.30am and some other chapters in the county even earlier. That allows businesspeople attending to get to work by 9am.

The Maidstone group meets for breakfast at the local Ramada Hotel every Wednesday.

It has been named a UK leader not just for the quantity of business referred between members, but also contribution and attendance at meetings.

BNI was founded in the 1980s by American management consultant Ivan Misner.

It has since grown to more than 5,000 chapters around the world, with 13,000 in the UK and 26 in Kent.

Only one representative from any trade or profession is allowed to join each group.

The newest chapter in Kent is at Bluewater.

Maidstone member Peter Richardson, of Finance and Leasing Solutions, said: "We all work for each other, meaning that we all have a near 40 extra sales force promoting our services to their family, friends and business acquaintances."

## Pension accounts will add to firms' post-slump woes

By **TONY PATEY**

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**MANDATORY** pension schemes will be a big burden on Kent companies, according to a leading county financial advisor.

Simon Ludden says that from 2012 all employers, including small businesses, will be compelled to make pension contributions – a bit of financial news that appears to have been overlooked.

Mr Ludden, financial planning manager at regional law firm Furley Page, said: "The Government is acting on the Pension Commission's report which told us what we already knew – that most people are not saving for retirement.

"For those who are, the majority of pension funds are below the level required at retirement, hence the mandatory contributions or soon to be introduced 'personal accounts'. Employees will be able to opt out.

"The intentions may be worthy but it's a bitter pill for many employers – particularly those with a high turnover of staff – who will be struggling to come out of recession."

Individuals over 22 and under state retirement age will automatically be enrolled into existing work-based pension schemes or, if there isn't one available, personal accounts which Mr Ludden describes as "cheap-to-run retirement schemes".

Employees outside the stipulated age range will have the option to opt in and receive the same benefits as the other employees.

The target contribution to the scheme will be eight per cent of basic band earnings: made up by an employer's contribution of three per cent; an employee's contribution of four per



**SIMON LUDDEN: Mandatory contributions under personal accounts are 'a bitter pill'**

cent; plus one per cent tax relief.

Earnings on which these contributions apply should start at £5,000 with a maximum of £33,500, calculated in 2006 and likely to increase.

"On this basis all full-time workers – even those on the minimum wage – will be included," said Mr Ludden. "The bandings should increase annually and employee contribution levels will be phased in over three years, but the expected start date is October 2012."

Established 281 years ago, Furley Page has offices in Canterbury, Chatham, Whitstable and Lloyd's of London.

## Diagnostic probe wins backing of the Angels

MEDICAL imaging firm Michelson Diagnostics has successfully raised just more than £350,000 to help it grow in 2009, despite the downturn, and a main aim is more overseas trade.

The Orpington-based company got the money from a consortium of investors from the London Business Angels network and its management team. Apart from boosting exports, it will be used to support clinical trials of its new hand-held 'multi-beam optical coherence tomography imaging probe'.

Chairman John Knowles said: "The management team has continued to achieve key milestones on time and on budget, and this has enabled a successful fundraising at a time when money is scarce and without loss of value for shareholders.

"We are now well placed to raise a much larger sum, timed to coincide with economic recovery and results from clinical trials."

### Resolution

The firm says its imaging technology has better resolution than competing systems. This could revolutionise cancer diagnosis and treatment by potentially enabling clinicians to see, in real time and at far higher resolution, the location and extent of a tumour, for a range of cancer types.

The equipment will enable faster, more accurate cancer surgery, with major benefits for both the patient and clinician – removing the slow, painstaking process of taking multiple samples of tissue for analysis.

Primary applications are expected to be skin and oral cancer, but many other cancers will be accessible via future variants of the probe. There are also many other clinical and non-clinical applications for this powerful new imaging technology.

The company has already conducted trials on human cancer tissue in the UK, Germany and the US, and starts 'in vivo' trials this year.



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UNION officials at major theatres in Kent are asking their members if they would be willing to take industrial action – possibly even go on strike – over pay talks.

Initial trade press reports said that negotiations between union Bectu and the Theatrical Management Association (TMA), which represents regional theatre managements and producers, had broken down.

But a spokesperson at TMA told KOS Media on Monday that talks were still taking place. “We are still in negotiations. They are very constructive, but we do not comment on negotiations.”

## Crisis out of drama over theatre pay freeze offer

County theatres involved include the Marlowe at Canterbury, the Orchard at Dartford, Theatre Royal at Margate and the Hazlitt in Maidstone.

Bectu had called for a five per cent rise to minimum wages, but TMA offered a wage

freeze for a year which could be reviewed in six months. In a letter to Bectu reps in more than 120 venues, quoted by The Stage newspaper, supervisory official Willy Donaghy wrote: “TMA said that regional theatres were not performing as well as last year and

ancillary sales had plummeted. People were not booking in advance and the future was uncertain.”

Bectu said TMA's offer was “unacceptable” and wanted to consult members.

“I therefore ask you, as a matter of urgency, to consult with the members in your theatre to determine if a wage freeze is acceptable and also to ask them whether they would be willing to engage in a campaign of industrial action, up to and including strike action, to achieve an acceptable pay increase.”

Later, Mr Donaghy said he could not comment further on negotiations.

# All for home and family



FAMILY VALUES: Mother-and-son team Christine and Bradley McLoughlin of Trading4U

BUSINESSES are going home – literally. The South East has one of the biggest concentrations of home firms in the UK with many Kent towns highlighted as hotspots.

Among the top 50 towns, Maidstone is 20th, Margate is 34th and Ashford 48th.

According to a report from Enterprise Nation, a home business website outfit, there are now more than 2.5 million home or ‘invisible’ businesses in the UK – a massive 16 per cent increase during the last year because of the economic downturn.

The prediction is that this year there will be a staggering eight million people who are earning some form of income from home.

Established businesses are reducing costs and moving home too, saving money not only on the overheads on a second property, but on travel – the report suggests to the tune of up to £2,000 a year.

In the South East, 43 per cent of those questioned said financial stability was their biggest hurdle, while 21 per cent said it was finding customers, and 55 per cent had set up a home-based company to achieve better work-life balance.

Office supplies giant Staples says it is essential that new home businesses get organised. Head of marketing Yetunde Ige

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said: “Advances in technology as well as the lure of a more ‘manageable’ lifestyle means working from home has never been easier or more popular.

“We all know how tough things are, but there are still opportunities for entrepreneurial home businesses, as long as they have the right help and the will to succeed.

“But there's no doubt that behind that passion there needs to be an efficient, organised office. It's a very important first step for any new business.”

Some work from the kitchen table. Others compete with the tomato plants in the potting shed. But experts agree: clever business people know they need to separate their living and working space to ensure the work stays fresh.

A survey by Staples shows that more than 41 per cent of people felt one of their biggest frustrations was the lack of distinct boundaries which sometimes resulted in them working too much, while a similar proportion also felt their home office was too cluttered.

Meantime, mother-and-son business team Christine and Bradley McLoughlin are giving domestic commerce a new twist with their Rochester-based company Trading4U – [www.trading4u.com](http://www.trading4u.com) – which specialises in selling items for customers online.

During the credit crunch more people and businesses want to sell items or stock to generate extra income, and the firm is also getting many enquiries from businesses and retailers in administration who need to sell their stock.

Bradley started the business a couple of years ago, when Christine was working at John Lewis in administrative work.

She was involved in the initial stages of setting up the business, and then left her job. The business has gone from strength to strength.

They now work from a new office and warehouse base. Bradley said: “The company's first 20 months, before the market decline, showed impressive growth.

“So when the market picks up we'll be in an even stronger position to grow further and capitalise on companies which still need to sell old or slow-moving stock.”



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THERE have been disappointing returns from many assets over the last year.

Shares have dropped in value and in many cases are reducing or stopping dividend payments. Property has reduced in value, although it is likely to still be producing a yield. Commodities, private equities and hedge funds have suffered.

Cash has also suffered, being eroded by inflation and receiving reduced interest now that rates are so low.

Many investors are wondering where they can put their money, or how they can attempt to recoup any losses.

One way is to use tax incentives. An example might be for someone approaching retirement to take the money from a stocks and shares individual savings account (ISA), say £7,000, and invest it in a pension. The £7,000 will immediately benefit from basic rate tax relief and is instantly worth £8,750.

If this relates to a higher rate taxpayer, they will receive £1,750 in tax back in addition on completion of their tax return.

The pension fund of £8,750 can produce a tax-free cash sum of £2,187.50 and an annual income of £450 for a 65-year-old male. The annual income figures will vary based on age, sex and health.

Utilising ISA funds in this way results in a return of £450 per year for a net cost of £3062.50 for a higher rate taxpayer. That is equivalent to an interest rate of 14.7 per cent. There aren't any investments coming close to this at the moment, and I doubt in the near future. The drawback is that you have lost flexibility. Once the pension has been purchased there is no going back, although it is guaranteed until you die.

For some, the comfort of knowing the income is coming in will be worth the trade on flexibility. The returns are still good for a basic rate taxpayer at 9.35 per cent a year.

## MORTGAGE RATES

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#### PRINCIPALITY

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OD: £1,339

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RT: FIXED R%: 4.19% L: 75% U: 31/03/2011

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#### MARSDEN

RT: FIXED R%: 4.19% L: 75% U: 29/02/2012

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#### OTHER

##### ALLIANCE & LEICESTER

RT: TRACKER R%: 2.74% L: 75% U: 2 YEARS

OD: £2,310

##### MARSDEN

RT: TRACKER R%: 3.25% L: 75% U: 28/02/2011

OD: £924

##### NATIONWIDE

RT: TRACKER R%: 3.28% L: 75% U: 3 YEARS

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RT: TRACKER R%: 3.29% L: 75% U: 3 YEARS

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## Making the most of a Fresh Start in chosen field

SUSTAINABLE food production will be a vital industry in the future and the Garden of England is already playing its part in building strategies.

Hadlow College has launched the second Fresh Start Academy, to encourage new entrants into farming.

It is a groundbreaking, industry-led initiative launched by Sir Don Curry, a key farming figure, in 2006.

Hadlow was the first college in Kent and one of the first in the UK to be approved for Fresh Start Academy status.

The first intake of 15 students have finished their courses and all have remained in

the industry and forging successful careers.

The college's Pat Crawford said: "The need for this in light of sustainable farming is absolutely crucial. We will have to produce more food."

"Of the first 15 students, some are in arable, some dairy, and also sheep farming and green contracting services, but all are doing well."

Academies provide a 12 to 18-month training course. Students attend one session per month, with each session covering different aspects of farming.

Professionals, such as land agents, surveyors and rural accountants support the training programme and identify possible potential matches between students and retiring farmers.

## Pfizer and Premier at forefront of good works

TWO major UK firms with locations in Kent have been making waves in charity work.

Pfizer, east Kent's largest private sector employer and which has its European R&D headquarters at Sandwich, has detailed its support to the local community in its Community Investment Annual Report for 2008. Highlights are:

- £198,000 donated to 104 community health and well-being projects;
- £180,000 match funding for payroll giving;
- £25,000 donated to 25 community groups for IT projects;
- £24,500 match funding for staff fundraising;
- £17,000 raised for the Children's Society;
- £7,000 raised for the Pilgrims Hospices;
- 750 Christmas presents donated to disadvantaged children.

Hundreds more groups have benefited from gifts-in-kind, including donations of equipment and use of facilities. Company volunteers are granted up to five days' paid leave to for projects in the community.

Meantime, Premier Foods, which has a big dry manufactur-

ing location at Ashford, is joining the Geared for Giving campaign and launched its Workplace Giving scheme this week.

It will be rolled out to all 18,000 employees, allowing them to give to the charity of their choice, tax effectively, directly from their salaries. Giving in this way can increase donations by up to 40 per cent. The charity of the year, voted for by employees, is Cancer Research UK and the company has pledged to raise at least £250,000 by the end of the year.

## Pi's constant innovation

PI HAS taken on a new identity when it comes to building construction work. The name which figures in school maths as a constant number is now also used for a patented new innovative system.

The makers, BSW Timber, the UK's largest sawmillers which has a branch in Ramsgate, claims the insulated laminated ply ring with standard panels combines the usefulness of masonry with the sustainability and performance of timber.

Tony Hackney, chief executive, said: "We have designed it as a systematic and cost-effective system, which makes it ideal for the affordable housing sector."

## Movers & Shakers

MAIDSTONE PR and marketing consultancy Edwards Harvey has appointed two new members of staff.

David Hanson, who joins as account manager, has extensive experience in corporate rebranding and has worked with clients across many sectors, including retail and banking.

His previous roles include communications officer for the Kent Institute of Art and Design. He played a key role in the institute's rebranding as University College for the Creative Arts.

Amy Lawrence has been appointed as account executive.

In her last role, as public relations officer for Maidstone council, Amy led the campaign to promote Radio 1's Big Weekend in Maidstone. She was also responsible for editing the council's magazine and relaunching its website.

DARTFORD-based Mazda Motors UK has brought sales and marketing together under Mark Cameron, pictured right, who has been promoted to sales and marketing director.

He became sales director in October from the role of marketing director, a position he had held since 2005. Prior to that, he had spent five months responsible for Mazda's product strategy in the UK as brand manager, after a move from Ford.

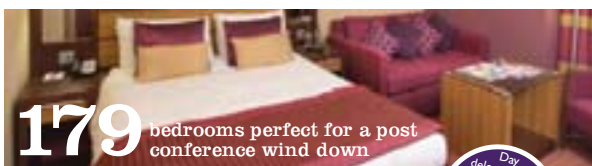


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## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Getting young people into the workplace has never had such a crucial role. From central government downwards there are initiatives to get youngsters – and even older people – into apprenticeships, work placements and training schemes. Thanet Works is one such new initiative, and it's aimed at helping people into training, education and work. Run through the district council, it is asking organisations to submit proposals to help school-age youngsters at risk of not achieving their potential, or who are not in education, employment or training (the so-called Neets), and people who have been out of work for a long time. The area has unique economic and social problems compared with the rest of the county, so the programme has been widened to also look for proposals which will improve access to employment for those living in areas of greatest need. Deadline for submission of proposals is April 3, and last week **Cllr Jo Gideon**, cabinet member for customer services and business transformation, held a talk on the initiative at a breakfast meeting of businesspeople run by Thanet and East Kent Chamber of Commerce. And she wants business to be actively involved. She spoke to KOS Media:



# Gideon's bible is chapter and verse on work

## Q What's the outline of Thanet Works?

**A** We stem from the Department of Community and Local Government, which has a grant from the Working Neighbourhoods Fund.

This is given out to areas or pockets where there are major issues around unemployment. We have £4 million over three years. The main aims are to reduce the levels of worklessness and benefits dependency, particularly in specific wards in Thanet, and to decrease the proportion of children in homes without work.

So the emphasis is on challenge, innovation and step change. We are the glue which brings it all together. The strands haven't been joined up before.

We pull together targets of various agencies in the partnership. Obviously we have to focus our efforts. For example, 23.4 per cent of our children are in households where no adult is in employment. Neets stand at 6.2 per cent – and that is too high. Also, 66 per cent of people out of work and on benefits are in just eight of our wards.

Of the working population, 11,600 have no qualifications. However, on the Thanet Works website we have had 750 hits and 90 downloads of application packs. The message is getting out.

## Q How does it work?

**A** It started in early summer last year. Our key partners are David Foley, chief executive of Thanet and East Kent Chamber, who represents business; Steve McVickers, managing director of Thanet Earth; Job Centre Plus, Government Office for the South East, Kent County Council, and, of course, Thanet District Council.

February 10 was D-Day, the first commissioning day when £1m 'happened'. It is about everybody in the community, business and local government shaping what we do together. We think Thanet has some fantastic job opportunities. There will be opportunities coming out of the way Thanet itself is evolving. Strategically it's about removing barriers. So, for example, with the very long-term unemployed, the reason they can't work is that sometimes they can't get the transport. So public transport routing could be a key issue.

## Q What is the basic philosophy?

**A** Basically, it's about raising aspirations, and focusing on the culture of work, for example, in households where there is no working adult, and evolving a belief that there are real opportunities. It's a kind of holistic approach.

We also need to look at the infrastructure within the wards. So it is advice, signposting and contact. My ambition for Thanet Works is that we want to punch above our weight. It's not about finding quick solutions.

We don't want to go for short-term solutions. The aim is within the next six months to produce a 10-year strategy for skills and employability. The first million pounds has come and we want to get something started. There might, for example, be pilot ideas we can try out, and if successful roll out on a larger scale.

## Q And the future? Where does business fit in?

**A** We have to find solutions locally and they will be employer led. The new challenges of the recession mean that we need to be innovative.

If any businessperson is interested in being part of the business advisory panel, we will be glad to hear from them. We would like to see a broad range from various sectors. It really is about business shaping what it needs in terms of skills and the most effective way of spending this money.

If we come up with a strong case, there is the possibility of extra funding.

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**HARD AT IT:** England coach Graham Rowntree, and (below) rugby legend Martin Johnson poses with the players  
Pics: Phil Cooper

# Folkestone's squad join England's rugby elite for training day

By **DAVID PRITCHARD**

IT IS often said you should never meet your heroes for fear of being disappointed, but try telling that to Folkestone's players who spent the day training with the England rugby team.

A squad of 20 were given a unique glimpse behind the scenes on Wednesday, as Martin Johnson's side prepared for this afternoon's Six Nations clash with France at Twickenham.

The club, who normally play in London 4 South East, seven divisions below the top flight, won the opportunity in a prize draw after registering with [www.maximumrugby.com](http://www.maximumrugby.com).



They spent the day at England's plush training camp at Pennyhill Park in Surrey and spent 90 minutes training alongside stars such as Phil Vickery and Andrew Sheridan.

Folkestone coach Lee Jeffery was hugely impressed with the set-up and was pleasantly surprised by the attitude of everyone at the England camp.

He said: "It was so good for a club of our level just to get the exposure to that standard of rugby and a lot of the

guys' heroes were there, so it was fantastic. There was no animosity, no 'we've got a big game on Sunday so just go and stand in the corner and try not to get in the way'.

"Once we started training it was like they were all part of the same club, with plenty of banter between all of the players."

Defeats against Wales and Ireland have left England in the bottom half of the Six Nations table before this weekend's fixtures.

Despite the pressure on new coach Martin Johnson, the World Cup-winning captain left a lasting impression on the players, according to Jeffery's assistant Phil Cooper.

He said: "Martin Johnson walked in the room and all of a sudden there was a hush, due to the stature of the man. He was incredible, despite obviously being under some stress, but he couldn't do enough for us."



## Champion club receive bonus of extra funds

HERNE Bay Sailing Club are set to benefit from increased funding for coaching after achieving the prestigious Volvo Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Champion Club status.

The award recognises clubs committed to youth sailing which deliver a high level of training.

Representatives of the club received the honour last weekend at the RYA Volvo Dinghy Show at Alexandra Palace in London, from Olympic medallists Nick Rogers, Paul Goodison and Joe Glanfield (below).

Champion clubs have access to increased funding through the RYA.

The money is used to bring regional and national-level coaches to local clubs, giving youngsters a taste of what it takes to

succeed at the elite level.

Nathan Hudson, one of the club's instructors, said: "The status is recognition for years of hard work by members and volunteers to improve all aspects of our club activities. With continued support we look forward to seeing further improvement in the standard of racing and sailors at the club."

Herne Bay have been an enthusiastic supporter of the RYA's OnBoard programme, which was launched to introduce children to sailing. Around 40 children regularly attend the OnBoard training days, which is the first step on a pathway designed to strengthen the sport at all levels across the UK.

Herne Bay are the eighth sailing club in Kent to be awarded Champion Club status.



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GOAL: Adam looking to get on podium

## Adam takes dream job in touring cars

MOTORBASE Performance have added rising touring car star Jonathan Adam to its driver line-up for the 2009 British Touring Car Championship, *writes Tom Howard*.

The promising 24-year-old, from Fife in Scotland, tested with the Wrotham-based team at Brands Hatch following the end of the 2008 season and impressed team principal David Bartrum.

Adam, who is twice Seat Cupra Cup champion, will be Rob Collard's co-driver, who himself extended his contract with the team last week.

The Scotsman is looking forward to the challenge of racing in one of Britain's most popular racing series for the first time and believes he has the tools to reach the top step of the podium.

He said: "It's something I have been aiming for three or four years and now it's a dream come true."

"This is another big step up, but the BMW 320si is a great car and Motorbase is an ambitious team determined to move forward very quickly, and I want to help it do that."

"The goal is to get podiums and challenge for a win as soon as possible. I can't wait to get started."

Bartrum has not ruled out the possibility of entering three cars at some point during the campaign.

He added: "We have got the third car, but we will have to keep working and see how the funds are. Realistically we will not have it ready for the start of the season, but I hope to use it later in the year."

# F1 team boss's praise for 'brilliant' Kennard

Pictures: WILLIAMS F1/JACOB EBREY



## ...but he won't be given test-drive place



**IMPRESSED:** Williams feels Kennard (top) benefitted from his time with the F1 team

**LEGENDARY** Formula One team owner Sir Frank Williams has labelled Kent's Jonathan Kennard a "brilliant driver" after helping his team prepare for the 2009 season.

The Williams Formula One boss called upon the Tunbridge Wells racer this winter to help develop their car for the new season, which begins in Australia later this month.

Kennard, 23, became one of the first racers to drive a 2009 spec Formula One car – which complies with the drastic rule changes – in his first test with Williams in November at Kemble Airfield in Gloucestershire. A good performance prompted a recall from the team a month later.

### Unlikely

With the opening round of the Formula One season two weeks away, the Williams team finished seventh at this week's official Formula One test at Barcelona. The car posted a fastest lap, which was three-tenths of a second quicker than Lewis Hamilton's McLaren. Williams, who has employed some of the sport's biggest names including Nigel Mansell and Ayrton Senna, was impressed by Kennard's performance, but admitted he was unlikely to become the team's official

### EXCLUSIVE

By **TOM HOWARD**

test driver.

He told Kent on Sunday: "He is a very nice young man and a brilliant driver. It is difficult to say how good he is really going to be, but he does have a lot of talent."

"It won't be a regular appointment for him as we have more professional and experienced drivers at the team, but he will have learnt a lot from his test with us."

Kennard spent the entire 2008 season in a testing role with a number of teams and is still looking for a drive for this season.

The last time the Tunbridge Wells racer got behind the wheel in a race scenario was in the 2007 British Formula 3 Championship, where he finished sixth overall.

After his positive experience with Williams, Kennard hopes the offers will come flooding in as he bids to expand his career.

He said: "The work with Williams has already had an effect by linking me to other teams. With Williams having the faith to put me in their car I hope it will pay off with other teams putting faith in me."

"At the moment I'm in talks with a few people so hopefully something will come off."



**SHOCK:** Greene beat Ken Doherty

## Duo get through to take their place at snooker's high table

By **DAVID PRITCHARD**

**BARRY** Hawkins is hoping to break his Crucible duck next month after surviving a scare in final qualifying for the World Snooker Championships.

The 29-year-old was hot favourite to beat Welsh rookie Daniel Wells and despite leading 6-3 and 9-7, he had to dig deep in the deciding frame. Hawkins held his nerve to construct a match-winning break of 80 to make it through to the televised stages in the sport's biggest tournament.

It will be the fourth time the Dartford potter has made it to the last 32 and he is keen to make amends for first-round exits on his previous three visits.

He said: "The last two times I've lost 10-9, so I'm looking to go there

and do some damage this time.

"The Crucible's very compact, sometimes the cameramen can get in your way, but with the crowd breathing down your neck it makes it a special atmosphere."

"It can turn careers around; hopefully it can happen to me this year."

Hawkins was paired with Graeme Dott, who won the title in 2006.

Despite having a good pedigree in the event, the Scotsman has struggled for form since winning the world title, giving Kent's number one player a good chance of progressing.

Also in the Crucible line-up is

Gerard Greene. The 35-year-old, who lives in Rainham, provided one of the shocks from final qualifying by knocking out 1997 champion Ken Doherty 10-5.

The world number 33 has an identical record to Hawkins in the World Championships, but faces a tougher test to post his first win.

Greene will face Ali Carter, who lost to Ronnie O'Sullivan in the Crucible final last year. Carter, known as 'The Captain', won his first major title last month by taking the Welsh Open, which lifted him up to third in the provisional world rankings.

The tournament begins on Saturday, April 18.



**CLOSE:** Hawkins held his nerve



# Kent waiting to see if Clark fits the overseas bill

AUSTRALIAN seam bowler Stuart Clark has been in talks with Kent to take over as the club's overseas player for the first half of the season.

Kent on Sunday exclusively revealed the news on our website [www.kentnews.co.uk](http://www.kentnews.co.uk) on Wednesday, after coach Simon Willis confirmed the county had enquired about the 33-year-old fast bowler.

Clark, who played for Hampshire in 2007, is in a race to be fit for the Ashes this summer having missed both of Australia's Test series with South Africa due to surgery on an elbow injury.

Having been overlooked by the Indian Premier League (IPL) and his place in the one-day and Twenty20 series in Pakistan not assured, Clark will be looking for an opportunity to play competitive cricket in preparation for the Test series with England that starts in July.

Willis told KoS the club had been in talks with Clark and were hopeful of making an announcement in the next few weeks.

He said: "We have spoke to Stuart to see what his availability is like and we have just got to wait and see how things unfold in the next few weeks.

"It is a complete juggling act now with getting an overseas and that's why we didn't

By **GLENN PEARSON**

want to dive in. Hopefully in the next week or so we'll have a clear indication of the person we are going to get."

Recruiting overseas stars has never been more difficult for the English domestic counties, with international players' schedules ever more crammed with competitions such as the IPL and Indian Cricket League.

Willis admitted it has been a tough time for the club's management.

"It has been the most difficult in my time, county cricket is not the financial benefit it used to be," he said. "Players have to make sure they are coming for the right reasons and not just financial gain.

## Remainder

"Stuart is a name on our list that we have approached, but there is various things like Australian teams to be announced and other things. When we definitely know the individual we want to approach then we will make that proposal."

With Clark almost certain to take his place in the Australian squad for the Ashes in the second half of the summer, Kent will have to line up another overseas bowler for the remainder of the season.

Elsewhere at the club, the Kent coach also confirmed that leading batsman, Martin van



**TARGET MAN:** Aussie Stuart Clark could become the county's overseas bowler

Jaarsveld, is on course to start the season with the county after responding well to treatment for a dislocated shoulder.

Willis said: "According to the medical staff he is coming along nicely and hopefully he will be over here by March 30 for them to do another assessment, but all the signs are that he should be ready for the start of the season."

# Gills' days of destiny

As we come to the business end of the season, our Gillingham reporter **DAVID PRITCHARD** outlines where the points will be won and lost...

AFTER seven months of toil the games are beginning to run out in Gillingham's league campaign, but will it end with an immediate return to the third tier or just tears?

Victory on Tuesday night against Darlington confirmed Mark Stimson's side as genuine promotion contenders.

Taking a six-game unbeaten run into yesterday's clash with Shrewsbury, they have hit form at just the right time after spending the majority of the season on the fringes of the play-off picture.

With nine games to go there are bound to be many twists and turns before the trip to Rochdale in May.

Just about the only thing that can be said with some certainty is Gills will end a run of five successive bottom-half finishes.

Looking at the last 10 seasons in League Two, an average of 72 points has been enough to get into the final play-off spot, while teams have usually needed an extra 10 points to go up automatically.

With no team standing out from the others until Brentford's recent run, it is unlikely last season's abnormally high totals, where Wycombe's 78 points was only good enough for seventh, will be repeated.

So will Gills accumulate enough points to stay in the promotion picture?

Here's our guide to the last nine games, not taking into account any points gained from the Shrewsbury game, which was played after Kent on Sunday went to press.

## MARCH

**Notts County (away),** Tuesday 17 – Ian McParland's side are on a good run at home and despite their mid-table position, a point would be a reasonable result. **Prediction: Draw (61 points)**

**Grimsby (away),** Saturday 21 – A 5-1 win at home to Lincoln shows they shouldn't be taken lightly, but Gills have an excellent record at League Two's struggling sides this season. **Prediction: Win (64 points)**

**Brentford (away),** Saturday 28 – The Bees were fortunate to escape with a point from Priestfield in December, but Andy Scott's team have since emerged from the pack as genuine title contenders. **Prediction: Loss (64 points)**

## APRIL

**Barnet (home),** Saturday 4 – With a tough run-in, this is a must-win game against a struggling side. **Prediction: Win (67 points)**

**Wycombe (away),** Saturday 11 – At one point they looked to be waltzing to the title, but the Chairboys have hit the buffers since Christmas. Gills dominated the post-Christmas draw at Priestfield and would probably settle for a share of the points. **Prediction: Draw (68 points)**

**Dagenham & Redbridge (home),** Monday 13 – Barring a dramatic run of form the Daggers should be out of the play-off picture by Easter Monday. With pride to play for, expect a large home crowd to roar Gills to a crucial victory. **Prediction: Win (71 points)**

**Chesterfield (away),** Saturday 18 – The Spireites have the worst home record of all the teams in the top half, but have hit a rich vein of form in recent weeks. Saltergate is never an easy place to go and avoiding defeat could be the priority. **Prediction: Draw (72 points)**

**Bury (home),** Saturday 25 – Gills lost heavily at Gigg in November and will be desperate to take maximum points to take the pressure off their final game of the season. **Prediction: Win (75 points)**

## MAY

**Rochdale (away),** Saturday 2 – Very strong at Spotland, Keith Hill's side could well need the points to seal an automatic promotion place. One of the best sides to visit Priestfield this season, Rochdale may be too strong for a Gills side with one eye on the play-off semi-finals. **Prediction: Loss (75 points)**

**Total = 75 points**

If all goes to plan then Gills can look forward to a tilt at the play-offs and a possible Wembley appearance as they aim for an immediate return to League One.

## LYDIA GREENWAY'S WORLD CUP Diary

KENT and England cricketer Lydia Greenway has been key in the side's progression to the Super Sixes stage of the ICC Women's World Cup that began yesterday...



## Improvement key to the Super Sixes

ON the whole we have been very pleased with such convincing wins in the group stage against Sri Lanka, India and Pakistan, but we are still keen to keep on improving.

Although I didn't bat against India, I took three catches and against Pakistan on Wednesday I batted and scored 10 not out, so it was good to have made some sort of contribution to the games. As for me, I am going to look to improve my strike rate in every game to ensure I do all I can to get England into a winning position.

Off the pitch I have just had a deep massage on my legs to ensure they're up for the challenge and not too heavy.

We all get one at regular intervals throughout the tour to help our muscles recover and keep us in peak condition as the games come thick and fast. I'm already looking forward to the next one.

Off the field it was great to see more of the Barmy Army arrive, aka our families. They all get on really well and when they are at full strength and full volume can give the real Barmy Army a run for their money.

## Learning art of spin

TWO former Kent players are running specialist spin bowling skills courses during the Easter holidays.

Min Patel and Darren Scott will be putting boys, girls and adults through their paces, aimed at improving techniques and skills.

The course allows budding spin bowlers to learn and fine-tune all the skills required to become a top class spin bowler.

The two-day course, which is to be staged at Kent's St Lawrence Ground on April 9-10, features skills required for both four-day cricket and limited overs games.

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## Khan eyes an Ashes spot after making England debut

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West Indies



AMJAD Khan described his Test debut against the West Indies as "just the beginning" of his comeback from a nightmare injury that saw him spend 16 months on the sidelines.

The 28-year-old Kent fast bowler made his first England appearance in the drawn fifth Test in Trinidad, where he claimed match figures of one for 122 on what he labelled a "death wicket".

After a nervous start riddled with no-balls, Danish-born Khan claimed the prize wicket of Ramnaresh Sarwan.

Although Khan only bowled four overs in the second innings as England searched for the win to level the series, it was a dream come true for the Kent bowler who missed the whole of the 2007 season after suffering cruciate ligament damage while on tour with England A.

Speaking from the England camp in Trinidad, he said: "It was brilliant making my Test debut. Some people see it as being at the end of my injury saga, but I see it as just the beginning for me. I was very nervous to start with, but as the game went on I showed my pace and swing, although I would have liked a few more wickets."

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"I went hard from the beginning and tried to bowl them out from ball one which meant I ended up bowling a few extras. Andrew Strauss wanted me to try and take wickets and that's what I tried to do."

The wicket of the man that plundered 626 runs in the series, including two hundreds and a double century, was clearly a highlight, but one that now seems an age ago, according to Khan.

He said: "Sarwan was obviously the man of the series and I was pleased to get him as my first scalp. To be honest though, Test cricket is so quick it was all a bit of a blur."

"I'd say it was like playing one-day cricket every day for five days. I think in this game you can't really look past the death wicket. There was nothing for the bowlers and I found the wicket hard to bowl on."

Whether he makes a second appearance for England this summer is anyone's guess, but the fact he has been retained for the Twenty20 and one-day series starting today, and with England's new-found policy of giving players a chance, ought to give the Kent bowler some hope.

So does he think he has done enough to stake a claim for a place in the Test side for the summer series against the West Indies and Australia?

"It's not for me to say," he said. "I'm happy to have been retained for the Twenty20 and one-day series. It's taken a long time to get here and hopefully it's something I can continue."

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## Coach rubbishes 'chucker' claims

KENT coach Simon Willis has defended Amjad Khan following reports of a 'suspect bowling action'.

Former England captain Michael Atherton reported for The Times newspaper that the Queen's Park Oval crowd were "quick to seize on the kinks in Khan's action, booing and shouting 'pelter' (West Indian for chucker) whenever [Khan] came into the attack".

He did however, say that Khan's action was fine, if unorthodox, something backed up by Kent coach Simon Willis.

He said: "Amjad has been involved with the ECB for an extended period of time and has been analysed from four different angles and had various tests done."

"It's just the way he is, his arm is slightly deformed and it gives you the perception that he is throwing the odd ball. He has been through all the tests and cleared accordingly. He is within the 15 degrees or whatever it is these days. That makes a massive difference to the players."

The Kent bowler was also reprimanded for excessive appealing in the fifth Test after believing he had

Shivnarine Chanderpaul caught behind in West Indies' first innings.

It was a decision England were unable to refer to the third umpire as they had used up all their referrals. The referral system has come under fire during the series but Khan was able to see its benefits.

He said: "It was the first time I have experienced the referral system, but I think it definitely adds drama to the game."

"At the moment there are mixed feelings about it, but it was my first game and I can't really comment too much."



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